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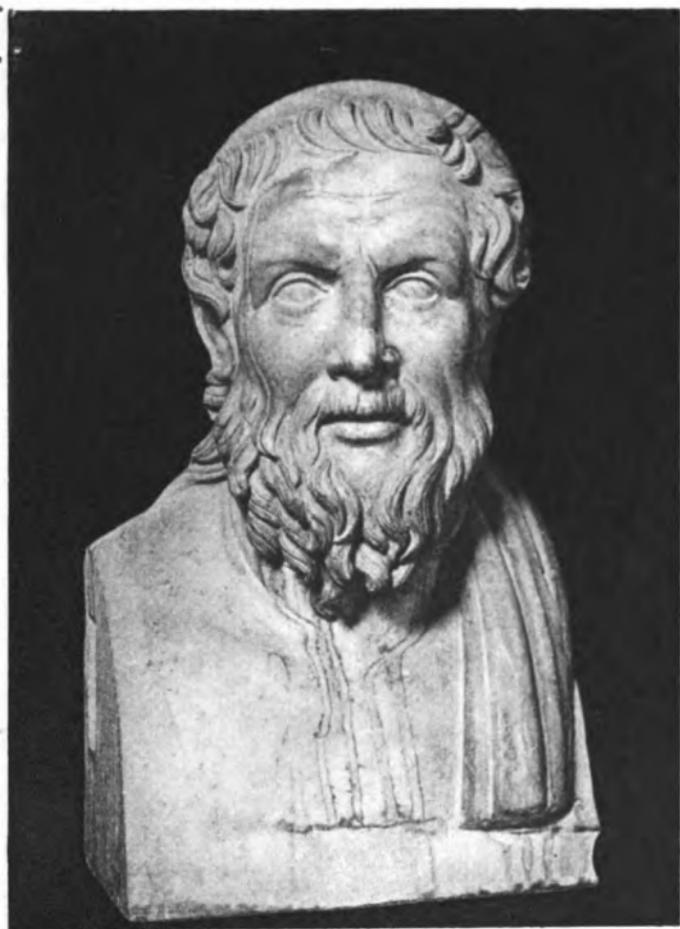


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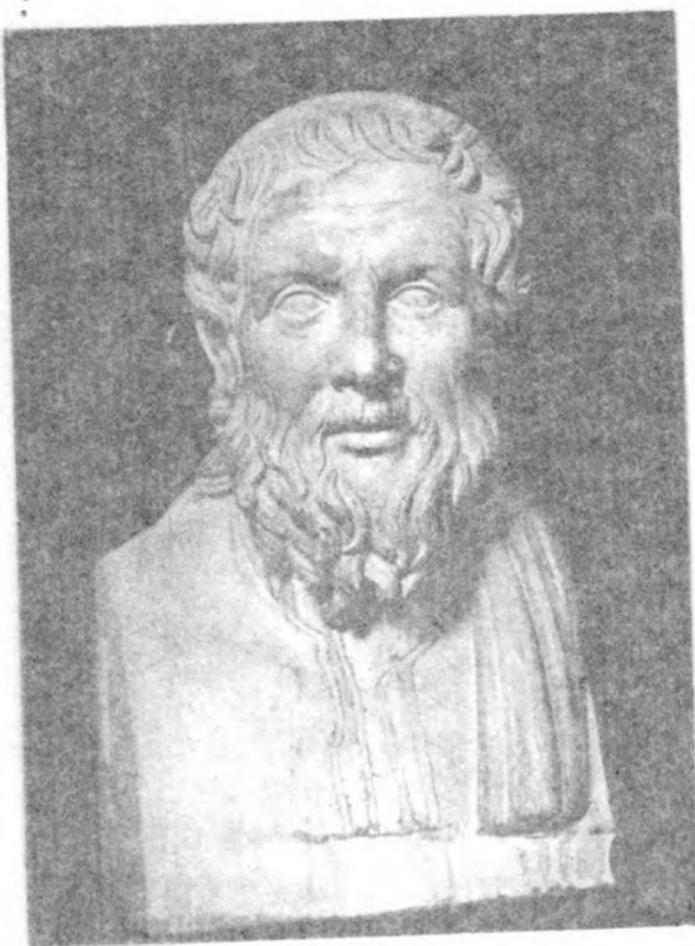
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PHILOSTRATUS THE LIFE OF APOLLONIUS OF TYANA

THE EPISTLES OF APOLLONIUS AND THE
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INTRODUCTION

THE Life of Apollonius of Tyana has only been once translated in its entirety into English, as long ago as the year 1811, by an Irish clergyman of the name of E. Berwick. It is to be hoped therefore that the present translation will be acceptable to the English reading public; for there is in it much that is very good reading, and it is lightly written. Of its author, Philostratus, we do not know much apart from his own works, from which we may gather that he was born in the island of Lemnos about the year 172 of our era, that he went to Athens as a young man to study rhetoric, and later on to Rome. Here he acquired a reputation as a sophist, and was drawn into what we may call the *salon* of the literary and philosophic Empress Julia Domna, the wife of Septimius Severus. She put into his hands certain memoirs of Apollonius, the sage of Tyana, who had died in extreme old age nearly

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100 years before during the reign of the Emperor Nerva, and she begged him to use them for the composition of a literary life of the sage in question. These memoirs had been composed by a disciple and companion of Apollonius named Damis, a native of the city of Nineveh, whose style, Philostratus says, like that of most Syrian Greeks, was heavy and wanting in polish. Besides these memoirs Philostratus used for his work a history of the career of Apollonius at Aegae, written by an admirer of the name of Maximus. He also used the many letters of Apollonius which were in circulation. His collection of these agreed partly, but not wholly, with those which are preserved to us and translated below. He tells us further that the Emperor Hadrian had a collection of these letters in his villa at Antium. Philostratus also possessed various treatises of Apollonius which have not come down to us. Beside making use of the written sources here enumerated Philostratus had travelled about, not only to Tyana, where there was a temple specially dedicated to the cult of Apollonius, but to other cities where the sage's memory was held in honour, in order to collect such traditions of the sage as he found still current. From these sources then the work before us was drawn, for although Philostratus



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also knew the four books of a certain Moeragenes upon Apollonius, he tells us he paid no attention to them, because they displayed an ignorance of many things which concerned the sage. The learned Empress seems never to have lived to read the work of Philostratus, for it is not dedicated to her and cannot have been published before the year 217.

It has been argued that the work of Damis never really existed, and that he was a mere man of straw invented by Philostratus. This view was adopted as recently as the year 1910 by Professor Bigg, in his history of the origins of Christianity. But it seems unnecessarily sceptical. It is quite true that Philostratus puts into the mouth of the sage, on the authority of Damis, conversations and ideas which, as they recur in the Lives of the Sophists of Philostratus, can hardly have been reported by Damis. But because he resorted to this literary trick, it by no means follows that all the episodes which he reports on the authority of Damis are fictitious, for many of them possess great verisimilitude and can hardly have been invented as late as the year 217, when the life was completed and given to the literary world. It is rather to be supposed that Damis himself was not altogether a credible writer, but one who, like the so-called

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areatalogi of that age, set himself to embellish the life of his master, to exaggerate his wisdom and his supernatural powers; if so, more than one of the striking stories told by Philostratus may have already stood in the pages of Damis.

However this be, the evident aim of Philostratus is to rehabilitate the reputation of Apollonius, and defend him from the charge of having been a charlatan or wizard addicted to evil magical practices. This accusation had been levelled against the sage during his life-time by a rival sophist Euphrates, and not long after his death by the author already mentioned, Moeragene. Unfortunately the orations of Euphrates have perished, and we know little of the work of Moeragene. Origen, the Christian father, in his work against Celsus, written about the year 240, informs us that he had read it, and that it attacked Apollonius as a magician addicted to sinister practices. It is certain also that the accusations of Euphrates were of similar tendency, and we only need to read a very few pages of this work of Philostratus to see that his chief interest is to prove to the world that these accusations were ill-founded, and that Apollonius was a divinely-inspired sage and prophet, and a reformer along Pythagorean lines of the Pagan

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religion. It is possible that some of the stories told by Byzantine writers of Apollonius, notably by John Tzetzes, derive from Moeragene.

The story of the life of Apollonius as narrated by Philostratus is briefly as follows. He was born towards the beginning of the Christian era at Tyana, in Cappadocia, and his birth was attended according to popular tradition with miracles and portents. At the age of sixteen he set himself to observe in the most rigid fashion the almost monastic rule ascribed to Pythagoras, renouncing wine, rejecting the married estate, refusing to eat any sort of flesh, and in particular condemning the sacrifice of animals to the gods, which in the ancient world furnished the occasion, at any rate for the poor people, of eating meat. For we must not forget that in antiquity hardly any meat was eaten which had not previously been consecrated by sacrifice to a god, and that consequently the priest was the butcher of a village and the butcher the priest. Like other votaries of the Neo-Pythagorean philosophy or discipline, Apollonius went without shoes or only wore shoes of bark, he allowed his hair to grow long, and never let a razor touch his chin, and he took care to wear on his person nothing but linen, for it was accounted by him, as by Brahmins, an impurity to allow any

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dress made of the skin of dead animals to touch the person. Before long he set himself up as a reformer, and betaking himself to the town of Aegae, he took up his abode in the temple of Aesculapius, where he rapidly acquired such a reputation for sanctity that sick people flocked to him asking him to heal them. On attaining his majority, at the death of his father and mother, he gave up the greater part of his patrimony to his elder brother, and what was left to his poor relations. He then set himself to spend five years in complete silence, traversing, it would seem, Asia Minor, in all directions, but never opening his lips. The more than Trappist vow of silence which he thus enforced upon himself seems to have further enhanced his reputation for holiness, and his mere appearance on the scene was enough to hush the noise of warring factions in the cities of Cilicia and Pamphylia. If we may believe his biographer he professed to know all languages without ever having learned them, to know the inmost thoughts of men, to understand the language of birds and animals, and to have the power of predicting the future. He also remembered his former incarnation, for he shared the Pythagorean belief of the migrations of human souls from body to body, both of animals and of human beings. He preached

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a rigid asceticism, and condemned all dancing and other diversions of the kind ; he would carry no money on his person and recommended others to spend their money in the relief of the poorer classes. He visited Persia and India, where he consorted with the Brahmans ; he subsequently visited Egypt, and went up the Nile in order to acquaint himself with those precursors of the monks of the Thebaid called in those days the Gymnosophists or naked philosophers. He visited the cataracts of the Nile, and returning to Alexandria held long conversations with Vespasian and Titus soon after the siege and capture of Jerusalem by the latter. He had a few years before, in the course of a visit to Rome, incurred the wrath of Nero, whose minister Tigellinus however was so intimidated by him as to set him at liberty. After the death of Titus he was again arrested, this time by the Emperor Domitian, as a fomenter of sedition, but was apparently acquitted. He died at an advanced age in the reign of Nerva, who befriended him ; and according to popular tradition he ascended bodily to heaven, appearing after death to certain persons who entertained doubts about a future life.

Towards the end of the third century when the struggle between Christianity and decadent Paganism

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had reached its last and bitterest stage, it occurred to some of the enemies of the new religion to set up Apollonius, to whom temples and shrines had been erected in various parts of Asia Minor, as a rival to the founder of Christianity. The many miracles which were recorded of Apollonius, and in particular his eminent power over evil spirits or demons, made him a formidable rival in the minds of Pagans to Jesus Christ. And a certain Hierocles, who was a provincial governor under the Emperor Diocletian, wrote a book to show that Apollonius had been as great a sage, as remarkable a worker of miracles, and as potent an exorcist as Jesus Christ. His work gave great offence to the missionaries of the Christian religion, and Eusebius the Christian historian wrote a treatise in answer, in which he alleges that Apollonius was a mere charlatan, and if a magician at all, then one of very inferior powers; he also argues that if he did achieve any remarkable results, it was thanks to the evil spirits with whom he was in league. Eusebius is careful, however, to point out that before Hierocles, no anti-Christian writer had thought of putting forward Apollonius as the rival and equal of Jesus of Nazareth. It is possible of course that Hierocles took his cue from the Emperor Alexander Severus (A.D. 205–235), who instead of setting up

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images of the gods in his private shrine, established therein, as objects of his veneration, statues of Alexander the Great, Orpheus, Apollonius of Tyana, Abraham, and Christ. This story however in no way contradicts the statement of Eusebius, and it is a pity that this significant caution of the latter has been disregarded by Christian writers of the last three centuries, who have almost unanimously adopted a view that is utterly unwarrantable, namely, that Philostratus intended his life of Apollonius as a counterblast to that of the Christian gospel. The best scholars of the present generation are opposed to this view, for they realise that demoniac possession was a common feature in the ancient landscape, and that the exorcist driving demons out of afflicted human beings by use of threats and invocations of mysterious names was as familiar a figure in old Pagan society as he was in the early church.

We read that wherever Apollonius travelled, he visited the temples, and undertook to reform the cults which he there found in vogue. His reform seems to have consisted in this, that he denounced as derogatory to the gods the practice of sacrificing to them animal victims and tried to persuade the priests to abandon it. In this respect he prepared the ground for Christianity and was working along

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the same lines as many of the Christian missionaries. In the third century Porphyry the philosopher and enemy of Christianity was as zealous in his condemnation of blood-offerings, as Apollonius had been in the first. Unquestionably the neo-Pythagorean propaganda did much to discredit ancient paganism, and Apollonius and its other missionaries were all unwittingly working for that ideal of bloodless sacrifice which, after the destruction of the Jewish Temple, by an inexorable logic imposed itself on the Christian Church.

It is well to conclude this all too brief notice of Apollonius with a passage cited by Eusebius¹ from his lost work concerning sacrifice. There is no good reason for doubting its authenticity, and it is an apt summary of his religious belief:—

“In no other manner, I believe, can one exhibit a fitting respect for the divine being, beyond any other men make sure of being singled out as an object of his favour and good-will, than by refusing to offer to God whom we termed First, who is One and separate from all, as subordinate to whom we must recognise all the rest, any victim at all; to Him we must not kindle fire or make promise unto him of any sensible

¹ Eusebius, *On the Preparation for the Gospel*, Bk. iv. Ch. 13.

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object whatsoever. For He needs nothing even from beings higher than ourselves. Nor is there any plant or animal which earth sends up or nourishes, to which some pollution is not incident. We should make use in relation to him solely of the higher speech, I mean of that which issues not by the lips; and from the noblest of beings we must ask for blessings by the noblest faculty we possess, and that faculty is intelligence, which needs no organ. On these principles then we ought not on any account to sacrifice victims to the mighty and supreme God."

The text followed by the translator is that of C. L. Kayser, issued by B. G. Teubner, at Leipzig in 1870.

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I

CAP.
I. Οι τὸν Σάμιον Πυθαγόραν ἐπαινοῦντες τάδε
ἐπ' αὐτῷ φασιν· ώς Ἰων μὲν οὖπω εἴη, γένοιτο δὲ
ἐν Τροίᾳ ποτὲ Ἐνφορβος, ἀναβιοίη τε ἀποθανών,
ἀποθάνοι δέ, ώς φόδαι Ὁμήρου, ἐσθῆτά τε τὴν ἀπὸ
θησειδίων παραιτοῦτο καὶ καθαρεύοι βρώσεως,
ὅπόση ἐμψύχων, καὶ θυσίας μὴ γὰρ αἰμάττειν
τοὺς βωμούς, ἀλλὰ ἡ μελιττοῦτα καὶ ὁ λιβανωτὸς
καὶ τὸ ἐφυμνῆσαι, φοιτᾶν ταῦτα τοῖς θεοῖς παρὰ
τοῦ ἀνδρὸς τούτου, γιγνώσκειν τε, ώς ἀσπάζοιντο
τὰ τοιαῦτα οἱ θεοὶ μᾶλλον ἢ τὰς ἐκατόμβας καὶ
τὴν μάχαιραν ἐπὶ τοῦ κανοῦ. ξυνεῦναι γὰρ δὴ
τοῖς θεοῖς καὶ μανθάνειν παρ' αὐτῶν, ὅπη τοῖς
ἀνθρώποις χαίρουσι καὶ ὅπη-ἄχθονται, περὶ τε
φύσεως ἐκεῦθεν λέγειν τοὺς μὲν γὰρ ἄλλους
τεκμαίρεσθαι τοῦ θείου καὶ δόξας ἀνομοίους ἀλλή-

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I

THE votaries of Pythagoras of Samos have this CHAP.
story to tell of him, that he was not an Ionian at all,
but that, once on a time in Troy, he had been Religious asceticism of Pythagoras¹
Euphorbus, and that he had come to life after death,
but had died as the songs of Homer relate. And
they say that he declined to wear apparel made from
dead animal products and, to guard his purity,
abstained from all flesh diet, whether of animals or
of sacrificial victims. For that he would not stain
the altars with blood ; nay, rather the honey-cake
and frankincense and the hymn of praise, these they
say were the offerings made to the Gods by this
man, who realised that they welcome such tribute
more than they do the hecatombs and the knife laid
upon the sacrificial basket. For they say that he
had of a certainty social intercourse with the gods,
and learnt from them the conditions under which
they take pleasure in men or are disgusted, and on
this intercourse he based his account of nature. For
he said that, whereas other men only make conjectures about the divinity and make guesses that

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CAP. λαις περὶ αὐτοῦ δοξάζειν, ἔαυτῷ δὲ τόν τε Ἀπόλλω
I ἥκειν ὁμολογοῦντα, ώς αὐτὸς εἶη, ξυνεῖναι δὲ καὶ
μὴ ὁμολογοῦντας τὴν Ἀθηνᾶν καὶ τὰς Μούσας
καὶ θεοὺς ἑτέρους, ὡν τὰ εἰδῆ καὶ τὰ ὀνόματα οὕπω
τοὺς ἀνθρώπους γιγνώσκειν. καὶ ὅ τι ἀποφήναιτο
ὁ Πυθαγόρας, νόμον τοῦτο οἱ ὁμιληταὶ ἥγοῦντο καὶ
ἐτίμων αὐτὸν ώς ἐκ Διὸς ἥκοντα, καὶ ἡ σιωπὴ δὲ
ὑπὲρ τοῦ θείου σφίσιν ἐπήσκητο· πολλὰ γὰρ θεῖά
τε καὶ ἀπόρρητα ἥκουν, ὡν κρατεῖν χαλεπὸν ἦν
μὴ πρῶτον μαθοῦσιν, ὅτι καὶ τὸ σιωπᾶν λόγος.
καὶ μὴν καὶ τὸν Ἀκραγαντίνον Ἐμπεδοκλέα βα-
δίσαι φασὶ τὴν σοφίαν ταύτην, τὸ γὰρ

χαίρετ', ἐγὼ δ' ὅμμιν θεὸς ἄμβροτος, οὐκέτι
θυητός
καὶ

ηδη γάρ ποτ' ἐγὼ γενόμην κόρη τε κόρος τε
καὶ ὁ ἐν Ὁλυμπίᾳ βοῦς, δν λέγεται πέμμα
ποιησάμενος θῦσαι, τὰ Πυθαγόρου ἐπαινοῦντος
εἴη ἄν. καὶ πλείω ἔτερα περὶ τῶν τὸν Πυθαγόρου
τρόπου φιλοσοφησάντων ἴστοροῦσιν, ὡν οὐ προσ-
ήκει με νῦν ἅπτεσθαι σπεύδοντα ἐπὶ τὸν λόγον, δν
ἀποτελέσαι προύθεμην.

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contradict one another concerning it,—in his own CHAP.
case he said that Apollo had come to him acknowledg-
ing that he was the god in person; and that
Athene and the Muses and other gods, whose forms
and names men did not yet know, had also con-
sorted with him though without making such
acknowledgment. And the followers of Pythagoras
accepted as law any decisions laid down by him;
and honoured him as an emissary from Zeus, but
imposed, out of respect for their divine character,
a ritual silence on themselves. For many were the
divine and ineffable secrets which they had heard,
but which it was difficult for any to keep who had
not previously learnt that silence also is a mode of
speech. Moreover they declare that Empedocles of
Acragias had trodden this way of wisdom when he
wrote the line

“ Rejoice ye, for I am unto you an immortal God,
and no more mortal.”

And this also :

“ For erewhile, I already became both girl and boy.”

And the story that he made at Olympia a bull out
of pastry and sacrificed it to the god shews that he
approved of the sentiments of Pythagoras. And
there is much else that they tell of those sages who
observe the rule of Pythagoras; but I must not now
enter upon such points, but hurry on to the work
which I have set myself to complete.

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CAP.
II 'Αδελφὰ γὰρ τούτοις ἐπιτηδεύσαντα 'Απολ-
λώνιον, καὶ θειότερον ἡ ὁ Πυθαγόρας τῇ σοφίᾳ
προσελθόντα τυραννίδων τε ὑπεράραντα, καὶ γενό-
μενον κατὰ χρόνους οὕτ' ἀρχαίους οὕτ' αὐτὸν
οὕπω οἱ ἀνθρωποι γιγνώσκουσιν ἀπὸ τῆς ἀληθινῆς
σοφίας, ήν φιλοσόφως τε καὶ ὑγιῶς ἐπήσκησεν,
ἀλλ' ὁ μὲν τό, ὁ δὲ τὸ ἐπαινεῖ τοῦ ἀνδρός, οἱ δέ,
ἐπειδὴ μάγοις Βαβυλωνίων καὶ Ἰνδῶν Βραχμᾶσι
καὶ τοῖς ἐν Αἴγυπτῳ Γυμνοῖς συνεγένετο, μάγον
ἡγοῦνται αὐτὸν καὶ διαβάλλουσιν ὡς βιαίως
σοφόν, κακῶς γιγνώσκοντες· Ἐμπεδοκλῆς τε γὰρ
καὶ Πυθαγόρας αὐτὸς καὶ Δημόκριτος, ὁμιλήσαντες
μάγοις καὶ πολλὰ δαιμόνια εἰπόντες, οὕπω
ὑπήχθησαν τῇ τέχνῃ, Πλάτων τε βαδίσας ἐς
Αἴγυπτον καὶ πολλὰ τῶν ἔκει προφητῶν τε καὶ
ἱερέων ἐγκαταμίξας τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ λόγοις, καὶ καθ-
άπερ ζωγράφος ἐσκιαγραφημένους ἐπιβαλὼν
χρώματα, οὕπω μαγεύειν ἔδοξε, καίτοι πλεῦστα
ἀνθρώπων φθονηθεὶς ἐπὶ σοφίᾳ. οὐδὲ γὰρ τὸ
προαισθέσθαι πολλὰ καὶ προγνῶναι διαβάλλοι ἀν
τὸν 'Απολλώνιον ἐς τὴν σοφίαν ταύτην, ἡ διαβε-
βλήσεται γε καὶ Σωκράτης ἐφ' οἷς παρὰ τοῦ
δαιμονίου προεγίγνωσκε, καὶ 'Αναξαγόρας ἐφ' οἷς
προϋλεγε· καίτοι τίς οὐκ οἶδε τὸν 'Αναξαγόραν
'Ολυμπίασι μέν, ὅποτε ἥκιστα ὑε, παρελθόντα ὑπὸ⁶
κωδίφ ἐς τὸ στάδιον ἐπὶ προρρήσει ὅμβρου, οἰκίαν

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II

FOR quite akin to theirs was the ideal which CHAP.
Apollonius pursued, and more divinely than ^{II} Pythagoras he wooed wisdom and soared above Apollonius
was no
wizard tyrants ; and though he lived in times not long gone by nor again quite of our own day, yet men know him not because of the true wisdom, which he practised as a sage and sanely ; but one man singles out one feature for praise in him and another another ; while some, because he had interviews with the wizards of Babylon and with the Brahmans of India, and with the nude ascetics of Egypt, put him down as a wizard, and spread the calumny that he was a sage of an illegitimate kind, judging of him ill. For Empedocles and Pythagoras himself and Democritus consorted with wizards and uttered many supernatural truths, yet never stooped to the black art ; and Plato went to Egypt and mingled with his own discourses much of what he heard from the prophets and priests there ; and though, like a painter, he laid their colours on to his rough sketches, yet he never passed for a wizard, although much envied of mankind for his wisdom. For the circumstance that Apollonius foresaw and foreknew so many things does not in the least justify us in imputing to him this kind of wisdom ; we might as well accuse Socrates of the same, because, thanks to his familiar spirit, he knew things beforehand, and we might also accuse Anaxagoras because of the many things which he foretold. And indeed who does not know the story of how Anaxagoras at Olympia in a season of intense drought came forward wearing a fleece into the stadium, by way of predicting rain, and of how he

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CAP. τε; ὡς πεσεῖται, προειπόντα μὴ ψεύσασθαι, πεσεῖν
γάρ, νύκτα τε ὡς ἐξ ἡμέρας ἔσται, καὶ ὡς λίθοι περὶ
Αἰγὸς ποταμοὺς τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἐκδοθήσονται, προ-
αναφωνήσαντα ἀληθεῦσαι; καὶ σοφίᾳ ταῦτα τοῦ
Ἀναξαγάρου προστιθέντες ἀφαιροῦνται τὸν Ἀπολ-
λώνιον τὸ κατὰ σοφίαν προγυγνώσκεν καὶ φασιν,
ὡς μάγῳ τέχνῃ τοῦτ' ἐπραττεν. δοκεῖ οὖν μοὶ μὴ
περιιδεῖν τὴν τῶν πολλῶν ἄγνοιαν, ἀλλ' ἐξακρι-
βῶσαι τὸν ἄνδρα τοῖς τε χρόνοις, καθ' οὓς εἶπέ τι
ἡ ἐπραξε, τοῖς τε τῆς σοφίας τρόποις, ὑφ' ὧν
ἔψαυσε τοῦ δαιμόνιος τε καὶ θεῖος νομισθῆναι.
Ξυνείλεκται δέ μοι τὰ μὲν ἐκ πόλεων, ὅπόσαι
αὐτοῦ ἥρων, τὰ δὲ ἐξ Ἱερῶν, ὅπόσα ὑπ' αὐτοῦ
ἐπανήχθη παραλελυμένα τοὺς θεσμοὺς ἥδη, τὰ δὲ
ἐξ ὧν εἶπον ἔτεροι περὶ αὐτοῦ, τὰ δὲ ἐκ τῶν ἐκεί-
νου ἐπιστολῶν. ἐπέστελλε δὲ βασιλεῦσι σοφισταῖς
φιλοσόφοις Ἡλείοις Δελφοῖς Ἰνδοῖς Αἰγυπτίοις
ὑπὲρ θεῶν ὑπὲρ ἐθῶν ὑπὲρ νόμων, παρ' οἷς ὁ τι
ἀμαρτάνοιτο, ἐπηνώρθου. τὰ δὲ ἀκριβέστερα
ῶδε συνελεξάμην.

III

CAP. Ἐγένετο Δάμις ἀνὴρ οὐκ ἄσοφος τὴν ἀρχαίαν ποτὲ
οἰκῶν Νῦνον οὗτος τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ προσφιλο-
σοφήσας ἀποδημίας τε αὐτοῦ ἀναγέγραφεν, ὡν
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foretold the fall of the house,—and truly, for it CHAP.
did fall; and of how he said that day would be turned into night, and stones would be discharged from heaven round Aegospotami, and of how his predictions were fulfilled? Now these feats are set down to the wisdom of Anaxagoras by the same people who would rob Apollonius of the credit of having predicted things by dint of wisdom, and say that he achieved these results by art of wizardry. It seems to me then that I ought not to condone or acquiesce in the general ignorance, but write a true account of the man, detailing the exact times at which he said or did this or that, as also the habits and temper of wisdom by means of which he came near to being considered a supernatural and divine being. And I have gathered my information partly from the many cities where he was loved, and partly from the temples whose long-neglected and decayed rites he restored, and partly from the accounts left of him by others and partly from his own letters. For he addressed these to kings, sophists, philosophers, to men of Elis, of Delphi, to Indians, and Egyptians; and his letters dealt with the subjects of the gods, of customs, of moral principles, of laws, and in all these departments he corrected the errors into which men had fallen. And the precise details which I have collected are as follows.

Such accusations call
for a true
Life of
Apollonius

The sources
used by
Philostratus

III

THERE was a man, Damis, by no means stupid, CHAP.
who formerly dwelt in the ancient city of Nineveh. III
He resorted to Apollonius in order to study wisdom, and having shared, by his own account, his

The
memoirs of
Damis used

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. κοινωνῆσαι καὶ αὐτός φησι, καὶ γνώμας καὶ
λόγους καὶ ὄπόσα ἐς πρόγυνωσιν εἰπε. καὶ προσ-
ήκων τις τῷ Δάμιδι τὰς δέλτους τῶν ὑπομνη-
μάτων τούτων οὕπω γιγνωσκομένας ἐς γυνώσιν
ἥγαγεν Ἰουλίᾳ τῇ βασιλίδι. μετέχοντι δέ μοι
τοῦ περὶ αὐτὴν κύκλου—καὶ γὰρ τοὺς ὥρητοικοὺς
πάντας λόγους ἐπήνει καὶ ἡσπάζετο—μεταγράψαι
τε προσέταξε τὰς διατριβὰς ταύτας καὶ τῆς
ἀπαγγελίας αὐτῶν ἐπιμεληθῆναι, τῷ γὰρ Νινίῳ
σαφῶς μέν, οὐ μὴν δεξιῶς γε ἀπηγγέλλετο. ἐνέ-
τυχον δὲ καὶ Μαξίμου τοῦ Αἰγιέως βιβλίῳ
ξυνειληφότι τὰ ἐν Αἴγαις Ἀπολλωνίου πάντα,
καὶ διαθῆκαι δὲ τῷ Ἀπολλονίῳ γεγράφαται, παρ'
ῶν ὑπάρχει μαθεῖν, ώς ὑποθειάζων τὴν φιλοσοφίαν
ἐγένετο. οὐ γὰρ Μοιραγένει γε προσεκτέον,
βιβλία μὲν ξυνθέντι ἐς Ἀμολλώνιον τέτταρα,
πολλὰ δὲ τῶν περὶ τὸν ἄνδρα ἀγνοήσαντι. ώς
μὲν οὖν ξυνήγαγον ταῦτα διεσπασμένα, καὶ ώς
ἐπειμελήθην τοῦ ξυνθείναι αὐτά, εἰρηκα, ἔχέτω δὲ
ὁ λόγος τῷ τε ἀνδρὶ τιμήν, ἐς δὲ ξυνγγέγραπται,
τοῖς τε φιλομαθεστέροις ὡφέλειαν. η γὰρ ἀν-
μάθοιεν, ἀ μήπω γιγνώσκουσιν.

IV

CAP. Ἀπολλωνίῳ τοίνυν πατρὶς μὲν ἦν Τύανα πόλις
IV. Ἐλλὰς ἐν τῷ Καππαδοκῶν ἔθνει, πατήρ δὲ
διμώνυμος, γένος ἀρχαῖον καὶ τῶν οἰκιστῶν ἀνημ-
μένον, πλούτος ὑπὲρ τοὺς ἔκει, τὸ δὲ ἔθνος βαθύ.
κυούσῃ δὲ αὐτὸν τῇ μητρὶ φάσμα ἥλθεν Αἰγυπτίου

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wanderings abroad, wrote an account of them. And CHAP.
he records his opinions and discourses and all his III
prophecies. And a certain kinsman of Damis drew at the
the attention of the empress Julia to the documents instance
containing these memoirs hitherto unknown. Now of the
I belonged to the circle of the empress, for she
was a devoted admirer of all rhetorical exercises ;
and she commanded me to recast and edit these
essays, at the same time paying more attention to
the style and diction of them ; for the man of Nine-
veh had told his story clearly enough, yet somewhat
awkwardly. And I also read the book of Maximus
of Aegae, which comprised all the life of Apollonius Also
in Aegae ; and furthermore a will was composed Maximus
by Apollonius, from which one can learn how rapturous
and inspired a sage he really was. For we must not of Aegae
pay attention anyhow to Moeragenes, who composed The work of
four books about Apollonius, and yet was ignorant
of many of the circumstances of his life. That then
I combined these scattered sources together and
took trouble over my composition, I have said ; but
let my work, I pray, redound to the honour of the
man who is the subject of my compilation, and also
be of use to those who love learning. For assuredly
they will here learn things of which as yet they
are ignorant.

IV

APOLLONIUS' home, then, was Tyana, a Greek city CHAP.
amidst a population of Cappadocians. His father IV
was of the same name, and the family was ancient Parentage
and directly descended from the first settlers. It and
excelled in wealth the surrounding families, though miraculous
the district is a rich one. To his mother, just before birth of
Apollonius

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. δαίμονος, ὁ Πρωτεὺς ὁ παρὰ τῷ Ὁμήρῳ ἔξαλ-
IV λάττων· ἡ δὲ οὐδὲν δείσασα ἥρετο αὐτόν, τί
ἀποκυῆσοι· ὁ δὲ “έμε” εἰπε· “σὺ δὲ τίς;”
εἰπούσης “Πρωτεύς,” ἔφη, “ὁ Αἰγύπτιος θεός.”
ὅστις μὲν δὴ τὴν σοφίαν ὁ Πρωτεὺς ἐγένετο, τί ἀν
ἔξηγοίμην τοῖς γε ἀκούουσι τῶν ποιητῶν, ὡς
ποικίλος τε ἦν καὶ ἄλλοτε ἄλλος καὶ κρείττων τοῦ
ἄλωναι, γιγνώσκειν τε ὡς ἐδόκει καὶ προγιγνώ-
σκειν πάντα; καὶ μεμνῆσθαι χρὴ τοῦ Πρωτέως,
μάλιστα ἐπειδὰν προιὼν ὁ λόγος δεικνύῃ τὸν
ἄνδρα πλείω μὲν ἡ ὁ Πρωτεὺς προγνόντα, πολλῶν
δὲ ἀπόρων τε καὶ ἀμηχάνων κρείττω γενόμενον ἐν
αὐτῷ μάλιστα τῷ ἀπειλῆθαι.

V

CAP. Τεχθῆναι δὲ ἐν λειμῶνι λέγεται, πρὸς φῶν τὸ
V ιερὸν αὐτῷ ἐκπεπόνηται. καὶ μηδὲ ὁ τρόπος ἀγνο-
είσθω, διν ἀπετέχθη ἀγούσῃ γάρ τῇ μητρὶ τόκου
ῶραν ὅναρ ἐγένετο βαδίσαι ἐς τὸν λειμῶνα καὶ
ἄνθη κείραι, καὶ δῆτα ἀφικομένη αἱ μὲν δμωὰ προσ-
εῖχον τοῖς ἄνθεσιν ἐσκεδασμέναι κατὰ τὸν λειμῶνα,
αὐτὴ δε ἐς ὕπνον ἀπήχθη κλιθεῖσα ἐν τῇ πόᾳ.
κύκνοι τοίνυν, οὓς ὁ λειμῶν ἔβοσκε, χορὸν ἐστή-
σαντο περὶ αὐτὴν καθεύδουσαν, καὶ τὰς πτέρυγας,
ῶσπερ εἴώθασιν, ἄραντες ἀθρόον ἥχησαν, καὶ γάρ
τι καὶ ζεφύρου ἦν ἐν τῷ λειμῶνι, ἡ δὲ ἔξέθορέ τε
ὑπὸ τῆς φύδης καὶ ἀπέτεκεν, ἵκανὴ δὲ πᾶσα

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he was born, there came an apparition of Proteus, CHAP.
who changes his form so much in Homer, in the ^{IV} guise of an Egyptian demon. She was in no way frightened, but asked him what sort of child she would bear. And he answered : "Myself." "And who are you ?" she asked. "Proteus," answered he, "the god of Egypt." Well, I need hardly explain to readers of the poets the quality of Proteus and his reputation as regards wisdom ; how versatile he was, and for ever changing his form, and defying capture, and how he had the reputation of knowing both past and future. And we must bear Proteus in mind all the more, when my advancing story shews its hero to have been more of a prophet than Proteus, and to have triumphed over many difficulties and dangers in the moment when they beset him most closely.

V

Now he is said to have been born in a meadow, CHAP.
hard by which there has been now erected a ^V sumptuous temple to him ; and let us not pass by the manner of his birth. For just as the hour of his birth was approaching, his mother was warned in a dream to walk out into the meadow and pluck the flowers ; and in due course she came there and her maids attended to the flowers, scattering themselves over the meadow, while she fell asleep lying on the grass. Thereupon the swans who fed in the meadow set up a dance around her as she slept, and lifting their wings, as they are wont to do, cried out aloud all at once, for there was somewhat of a breeze blowing in the meadow. She then leaped up at the sound of their song and bore her child, for any

The god's
annuncia-
tion to
his mother

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. ἔκπληξις μαιεύσασθαι καὶ πρὸ τῆς ὥρας. οἱ δὲ
V ἐγχώριοί φασιν, ὡς ὅμοῦ τε τίκτοιτο, καὶ σκηπτὸς
ἐν τῇ γῇ πεσεῖσθαι δοκῶν ἐμμετεωρισθείη τῷ
αιθέρι καὶ ἀφανισθείη ἄνω, τό, οἷμα, ἐκφανὲς καὶ
ὑπὲρ πάντα τὰ ἐν τῇ γῇ καὶ τὸ ἀγχοῦ θεῶν καὶ
ὅποσα ὅδε ὁ ἀνὴρ ἐγένετο, φαίνουστες οἱ θεοὶ καὶ
προσημαίνοντες.

VI

CAP. VI Ἐστι δέ τι περὶ Τύανα ὕδωρ Ὄρκίου Διός,
ὅς φασι, καλοῦσι δὲ αὐτὸν Ἀσβαμαῖον, οὐ πηγὴ
ἀναδίδοται ψυχρά, παφλάζει δέ, ὥσπερ ὁ θερμαι-
νόμενος λέβης. τοῦτο εὐόρκοις μὲν ἵλεών τε καὶ
ἡδὺ ὕδωρ, ἐπιόρκοις δὲ παρὰ πόδας ἡ δίκη· ἀπο-
σκήπτει γὰρ καὶ ἐς ὄφθαλμοὺς καὶ ἐς χεῖρας καὶ
ἐς πόδας, καὶ ὑδέροις ἀλίσκονται καὶ φθόαις, καὶ
οὐδὲ ἀπελθεῖν δυνατόν, ἀλλ' αὐτόθι ἔχονται καὶ
ὁλοφύρονται πρὸς τῷ ὕδατι ὁμολογοῦντες ἂ ἐπι-
ώρκησαν· οἱ μὲν δὴ ἐγχώριοί φασι παῖδα τοῦ
Διός τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον γεγονέναι, ὁ δὲ ἀνὴρ Ἀπολ-
λωνίου ἑαυτὸν καλεῖ.

VII

CAP. VII Προϊὼν δὲ ἐς ἡλικίαν, ἐν ᾧ γράμματα, μνήμης
τε ἴσχυν ἐδήλου καὶ μελέτης κράτος, καὶ ἡ γλῶττα
Ἀττικῶς εἶχεν, οὐδὲ ἀπήχθη τὴν φωνὴν ὑπὸ τοῦ
ἔθνους, ὄφθαλμοί τε πάντες ἐς αὐτὸν ἐφέροντο, καὶ
γὰρ περίβλεπτος ἦν τὴν ὥραν. γεγονότα δὲ αὐτὸν

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sudden fright is apt to bring on a premature delivery. CHAP.
But the people of the country say that just at the V
moment of the birth, a thunderbolt seemed about to Portents at his birth
fall to earth and then rose up into the air and dis-
appeared aloft ; and the gods thereby indicated, I
think, the great distinction to which the sage was to
attain, and hinted in advance how he should transcend
all things upon earth and approach the gods, and
signified all the things that he would achieve.

VI

Now there is near Tyana a well sacred to Zeus, the CHAP.
god of oaths, so they say, and they call it the well of VI
Asbama. Here a spring rises cold, but bubbles up The well of Asbama
like a boiling cauldron. This water is favourable
and sweet to those who keep their oaths, but to
perjurors it brings hot-footed justice ; for it attacks
their eyes and hands and feet, and they fall the prey
of dropsy and wasting disease ; and they are not even
able to go away, but are held on the spot and bemoan
themselves at the edge of the spring, acknowledging
their perjuries. The people of the country, then,
say that Apollonius was a son of Zeus, but the sage
called himself the son of Apollonius.

VII

ON reaching the age when children are taught CHAP.
their letters, he showed great strength of memory VII
and power of application ; and his tongue affected Education
the Attic dialect, nor was his accent corrupted by by Euthy-
the race he lived among. All eyes were turned upon demus in
Tarsus

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. ἔτη τεσσαρεσκαιδεκα ἄγει ἐς Ταρσοὺς ὁ πατὴρ παρ'
VII Εὐθύδημον τὸν ἐκ Φοινίκης. ὁ δὲ Εὐθύδημος
ρήτωρ τε ἀγαθὸς ἦν καὶ ἐπαίδευε τοῦτον, ὁ δὲ τοῦ
μὲν διδασκάλου εἶχετο, τὸ δὲ τῆς πόλεως ἥθος
ἄτοπόν τε ἡγεῖτο καὶ οὐ χρηστὸν ἐμφιλοσοφῆσαι,
τρυφῆς τε γὰρ οὐδαμοῦ μᾶλλον ἅπτονται, σκω-
πτόλαι τε καὶ ὑβριστὰ πάντες, καὶ δεδώκασι τῇ
ὁθόνῃ μᾶλλον ἢ τῇ σοφίᾳ Ἀθηναῖοι, ποταμός
τε αὐτοὺς διάρρει Κύδνος, φ παρακάθηται,
καθάπερ τῶν ὄρνιθων οἱ ὑγροί. τό τοι “παύ-
σασθε μεθύοντες τῷ ὕδατι” Ἀπολλωνίῳ πρὸς
αὐτοὺς ἐν ἐπιστολῇ εἴρηται. μεθίστησιν οὖν τὸν
διδάσκαλον δεηθεὶς τοῦ πατρὸς ἐς Αἰγὰς τὰς
πλησίουν, ἐν αἷς ἡσυχία τε πρόσφορος τῷ φιλοσο-
φήσοντι καὶ σπουδαὶ νεανικώτεραι καὶ ἱερὸν
Ἀσκληπιοῦ, καὶ ὁ Ἀσκληπιὸς αὐτὸς ἐπίδηλος τοῖς
ἀνθρώποις. ἐνταῦθα ξυνεφιλοσόφουν μὲν αὐτῷ
Πλατώνειοί τε καὶ Χρυσίππειοι καὶ οἱ ἀπὸ
τοῦ περιπάτου, διήκονε δὲ καὶ τῶν Ἐπικούρου
λόγων, οὐδὲ γὰρ τούτους ἀπεσπούδαζε, τοὺς δέ γε
Πυθαγορείους ἀρρήτῳ τινὶ σοφίᾳ ξυνέλαβε· διδά-
σκαλος μὲν γὰρ ἦν αὐτῷ τῶν Πυθαγόρου λόγων
οὐ πάνυ σπουδαῖος, οὐδὲ ἐνεργῷ τῇ φιλοσοφίᾳ
χρώμενος, γαστρός τε γὰρ ἥπτων ἦν καὶ ἀφρο-
δισίων καὶ κατὰ τὸν Ἐπίκουρον ἐσχημάτιστο· ἦν
δὲ οὗτος Εὔξενος ὁ ἔξ Ἡρακλείας τοῦ Πόντου, τὰς
δὲ Πυθαγόρου δόξας ἐγίγνωσκεν, ὥσπερ οἱ ὄρνιθες

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him, for he was, moreover, conspicuous for his CHAP. VII beauty. When then he reached his fourteenth year, his father brought him to Tarsus, to Euthydemus the teacher from Phoenicia. Now Euthydemus was a good rhetor, and began his education; but, though he was attached to his teacher, he found the atmosphere of the city harsh and strange and little conducive to the philosophic life, for nowhere are men more addicted than here to luxury: jesters and full of insolence are they all; and they attend more to their fine linen than the Athenians did to wisdom; and a stream called the Cydnus runs through their city, along the banks of which they sit like so many water-fowl. Hence the words which Apollonius addresses to them in his letter: "Be done with getting drunk upon your water." He therefore transferred his teacher, with his father's consent, to the town of Aegae, which was close by, where he found a peace congenial to one who would be a philosopher, and a more serious school of study and a temple of Asclepius, where that god reveals himself in person to men. There he had as his companions in philosophy followers of Plato and Chrysippus and peripatetic philosophers. And he diligently attended also to the discourses of Epicurus, for he did not despise these either, although it was to those of Pythagoras that he applied himself with unspeakable wisdom and ardour. However, his teacher of the Pythagorean system was not a very serious person, nor one who practised in his conduct the philosophy he taught; for he was the slave of his belly and appetites, and modelled himself upon Epicurus. And this man was Euxenus from the town of Heraclea in Pontus, and he knew the opinions of Pythagoras just as

Remova to
Aegae to
live in the
temple of
Asclepius

His Pytha-
gorean
teacher
Euxenus

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. VII ἀ μανθάνουσι παρὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, τὸ γὰρ
“χαῖρε” καὶ τὸ “εὖ πρᾶττε” καὶ τὸ “Ζεὺς
ἴλεως” καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα οἱ ὄρυιθες εὔχονται, οὗτε
εἰδότες ὅ τι λέγουσιν οὗτε διακείμενοι πρὸς τοὺς
ἀνθρώπους, ἀλλὰ ἐρρυθμισμένοι τὴν γλῶτταν·
ό δέ, ὡσπερ οἱ νέοι τῶν ἀετῶν ἐν ἀπαλῷ μὲν τῷ
πτερῷ παραπέτονται τοὺς γειναμένους αὐτοὺς μελε-
τώμενοι ὑπ’ αὐτῶν τὴν πτῆσιν, ἐπειδὰν δὲ αἱρε-
σθαι δυνηθῶσιν, ὑπερπέτονται τοὺς γονέας, ἀλλως
τε κὰν λίχνους αἱσθωνται καὶ κνίσης ἔνεκα πρὸς
τῇ γῇ πετομένους, οὕτω καὶ ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος προσ-
εῖχε τε τῷ Εὔξενῳ παῖς ἔτι, καὶ ἥγετο ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ
βαίνων ἐπὶ τοῦ λόγου, προελθὼν δὲ ἐς ἔτος
δέκατον καὶ ἕκτον ὥρμησεν ἐπὶ τὸν τοῦ Πυθαγόρου
βίον, πτερωθεὶς ἐπ’ αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τινος κρείττονος.
οὐ μὴν τόν γε Εὔξενον ἐπαύσατο ἀγαπῶν, ἀλλ’
ἔξαιτήσας αὐτῷ προάστειον παρὰ τοῦ πατρός, ἐν
ῳ κῆποι τε ἀπαλοὶ ἤσαν καὶ πηγαί, “σὺ μὲν ζῆθι
τὸν σεαυτοῦ τρόπον,” ἔφη, “ἐγὼ δὲ τὸν Πυθαγόρου
ζῆσομαι.”

VIII

CAP. VIII Ἡγουμένου δὲ αὐτὸν τοῦ Εὔξενου μεγάλης δια-
νοίας ἀπτεσθαι καὶ ἐρομένου, ὅπόθεν ἄρξοιτο,
“δθεν περ οἱ ἱατροί,” ἔφη, “καὶ γὰρ ἐκεῖνοι καθ-
αίροντες τὰς γαστέρας τοὺς μὲν οὐδὲ νοσεῖν ἐώσι,
τοὺς δὲ ἰῶνται.” καὶ εἰπὼν τοῦτο τὰς μὲν ἐμψύ-
χους βρώσεις ὡς οὗτε καθαρὰς καὶ τὸν νοῦν
παχυνούσας παρηγήσατο, τραγήματα δὲ καὶ
λάχανα ἐσιτεῖτο, καθαρὰ εἶναι φάσκων, ὅπόσα ἡ

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birds know what they learn from men ; for the birds CHAP.
will wish you "farewell," and say "Good day" or "Zeus VII
help you," and such like, without understanding what
they say and without any real sympathy for mankind,
merely because they have been trained to move their
tongue in a certain manner. Apollonius, however,
was like the young eagles who, as long as they are
not fully fledged, fly alongside of their parents and
are trained by them in flight, but who, as soon as
they are able to rise in the air, outsoar the parent
birds, especially when they perceive the latter to be
greedy and to be flying along the ground in order to
snuff the quarry ; like them Apollonius attended
Euxenus as long as he was a child and was guided by
him in the path of argument, but when he reached
his sixteenth year he felt an impulse towards the life
of Pythagoras, being fledged and winged thereto by
some higher power. Notwithstanding he did not
cease to love Euxenus, nay, he persuaded his father
to present him with a villa outside the town, where
there were tender groves and fountains, and he said
to him ; " Now you live there your own life, but I
will live that of Pythagoras."

VIII

Now Euxenus realised that he was attached to a CHAP.
lofty ideal, and asked him at what point he would VIII
begin it. Apollonius answered : " At the point at
which physicians begin, for they, by purging the
bowels of their patients prevent some from being
ill at all, and heal others." And having said this he
declined to live upon a flesh diet, on the ground that renounces
it was unclean, and also that it made the mind gross ; flesh diet
and wine so he partook only of dried fruits and vegetables,

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. γῆ αὐτὴ διδωσι, καὶ τὸν οἰνον καθαρὸν μὲν ἔφα-
VIII σκεν εἶναι πῶμα ἐκ φυτοῦ οὕτως ἡμέρου τοῖς
ἀνθρώποις ἥκουντα, ἐναντιοῦσθαι δὲ τῇ τοῦ νοῦ
συστάσει διαθολοῦντα τὸν ἐν τῇ ψυχῇ αἰθέρα.
μετὰ δὲ τὴν κύθαρον τῆς γαστρὸς τοιαύτην
γεγομένην ἀνυποδησίαν τε ποιεῦται κόσμημα καὶ
λίνου ἐσθῆτα ἀμπίσχεται παραιτησάμενος τὴν ἀπὸ
τῶν ζώων, ἀνῆκε τε τὴν κόμην καὶ ἐν τῷ ἵερῳ ἔζη.
ἐκπεπληγμένων δὲ αὐτὸν τῶν περὶ τὸ ἱερὸν καὶ
τοῦ Ἀσκληπιοῦ ποτε πρὸς τὸν ἱερέα φήσαντος,
ὅς χαίροι θεραπεύων τοὺς νοσοῦντας ὑπὸ Ἀπολ-
λωνίφ μάρτυρι, ξυνήεσαν ἐς τὰς Αἰγὰς ἐφ' ἴστορίᾳ
Κιλικές τε αὐτὸν καὶ οἱ πέριξ, ὃ τε Κιλικιος λόγος
“ποῖ τρέχεις; ἦ ἐπὶ τὸν ἔφηβον;” ἐπ’ ἐκείνῳ
τε ἐλέγετο καὶ παροιμιώδη τιμὴν ἔσχεν.

IX

CAP. Ἄξιον δὲ μηδὲ τὰ ἐν τῷ ἵερῷ παρελθεῖν βίον γε
IX ἀφηγούμενον ἀνδρός, δις καὶ τοῖς θεοῖς ἦν ἐν λόγῳ
μειράκιον γὰρ δὴ Ἀσσύριον παρὰ τὸν Ἀσκληπιὸν
ἥκουν ἐτρύφα νοσοῦν καὶ ἐν πότοις ἔζη, μᾶλλον
δὲ ἀπέθνησκεν ὑδέρῳ δὲ ἄρα εἶχετο καὶ μέθῃ χαῖ-
ρον αὐχμοῦ ἡμέλει. ἡμελεῦτο δὴ ὑπὸ τοῦ Ἀσ-
κληπιοῦ διὰ ταῦτα, καὶ οὐδὲ ὅναρ αὐτῷ ἐφοίτα.

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for he said that all the fruits of the earth are clean. CHAP. VIII
And of wine he said that it was a clean drink because it is yielded to men by so well-domesticated a plant as the vine ; but he declared that it endangered the mental balance and system and darkened, as with mud, the ether which is in the soul. After then having thus purged his interior, he took to walking without shoes by way of adornment and clad himself in linen raiment, declining to wear any animal product ; and he let his hair grow long and lived in the Temple. And the people round about the Temple were struck with admiration for him, and the god Asclepius one day said to the priest that he was delighted to have Apollonius as witness of his cures of the sick ; and such was his reputation that the Cilicians themselves and the people all around flocked to Aegae to see him. Hence the Cilician proverb : " Whither runnest thou ? Is it to see the stripling ? " Such was the saying that arose about him, and it gained the distinction of becoming a proverb.

Wears linen alone

IX

Now it is well that I should not pass over, in my narrative, the life led in the Temple by my hero, who was held in esteem even by the gods. For an Assyrian stripling came to Asclepius, and though he was sick, yet he lived the life of luxury, and being continually drunk, I will not say he lived, rather he was ever dying. He suffered then from dropsy, and finding his pleasure in drunkenness took no care to dry up his malady. On this account then Asclepius took no care of him, and did not visit him even

CHAP. IX

Incidents
of his
life in the
temple of
Asclepius.
Cures a
dropsical
patient

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CAP. ἐπιμεμφομένῳ δὲ ταῦτα ἐπιστὰς ὁ θεὸς “εἰ'Απολλωνίῳ,” ἔφη, “διαλέγοιο, ρᾶσαι ἔσῃ.” προσελθὼν οὖν τῷ Απολλωνίῳ “τί ἄν,” ἔφη, “τῆς σῆς σοφίας ἐγὼ ἀπολαύσαιμι; κελεύει γάρ με ὁ Ἀσκληπιὸς συνεῖναι σοι.” “ὅ,” ή δ’ ὅς, “ἔσται σοι πρὸς τὰ παρόντα πολλοῦ ἕξιον· ὑγιείας γάρ που δέη;” “νὴ Δᾶ,” εἶπεν, “ἥν γε ὁ Ἀσκληπιὸς ἐπαγγέλλεται μέν, οὐ δίδωσι δέ.” “εὐφήμει,” ἔφη, “τοῖς γάρ βουλόμενοις δίδωσι, σὺ δὲ ἐναντία τῇ νόσῳ πράττεις, τρυφῆ γάρ διδοὺς δψοφαγίαν ἐπεσάγεις ὑγροῖς καὶ διεφθορόσι τοῖς σπλάγχνοις καὶ ὕδατι ἐπαντλεῖς πηλόν.” ταυτὶ μὲν σαφέστερα, οἷμαι, τῆς Ἡρακλεύτου σοφίας ἔχρησμφδει· ὁ μὲν γὰρ δεῖσθαι ἔφη τοῦ ποιήσοντος ἐξ ἐπομβρίας αὐχμόν, ἐσελθόντος αὐτὸν τουτού τοῦ πάθους, οὐκ εὐξύνετά που λέγων, οὐδὲ δῆλα, ὁ δὲ ἥγαγεν ἐς ὑγίειαν τὸ μειράκιον τὰ σοφὰ σαφῶς ἔρμηνεύσας.

X

CAP. Ἰδὼν δὲ ἀθρόον ποτὲ ἐν τῷ βωμῷ αἷμα, καὶ διακείμενα ἐπὶ τοῦ βωμοῦ τὰ ἵερά, τεθυμένους τε βοῦς Αἴγυπτίους καὶ σὺν μεγάλους, καὶ τὰ μὲν δέροντας αὐτούς, τὰ δὲ κόπτοντας, χρυσίδας τε ἀνακειμένας δύο καὶ λίθους ἐν αὐταῖς τῶν Ἰνδικωτάτων καὶ θαυμασίων, προσελθὼν τῷ ἵερεῖ “τί ταῦτα;” ἔφη, “λαμπρῶς γάρ τις χαρίζεται τῷ

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in a dream. The youth grumbled at this, and there- CHAP.
upon the god, standing over him, said, "If you were IX
to consult Apollonius you would be easier." He therefore went to Apollonius, and said : "What is there in your wisdom that I can profit by? for Asclepius bids me consult you." And he replied: "I can advise you of what, under the circumstances, will be most valuable to you; for I suppose you want to get well." "Yes, by Zeus," answered the other, "I want the health which Asclepius promises, but never gives." "Hush," said the other, "for he gives to those who desire it, but you do things that irritate and aggravate your disease, for you give yourself up to luxury, and you accumulate heavy meals upon your water-logged and worn-out stomach, and as it were, choke water with a flood of mud." This was a clearer response, in my opinion, than Heraclitus, in his wisdom, gave. For he said when he was visited by this affection that what he needed was some one to substitute a drought for his rainy weather, a very unintelligible remark, it appears to me, and by no means clear; but the sage restored the youth to health by a clear interpretation of the wise saw.

X

ONE day he saw a flood of blood upon the altar, CHAP.
and there were victims laid out upon it, Egyptian X
bulls that had been sacrificed and great hogs, and some of them were being flayed and others were being cut up; and two gold vases had been dedicated set with jewels, the rarest and most beautiful that India can provide. So he went up to the priest and said: "What is all this; for some one is making a

Ostracises
a wicked
Cilician

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CAP. θεῷ.” ὁ δὲ “θαυμάσῃ,” ἔφη, “μᾶλλον, ὅτι μήτε
_X ἰκετεύσας ποτὲ ἐνταῦθα μήτε διατρίψας, ὃν οἱ
ἄλλοι χρόνου, μήτε ὑγιάνας πω παρὰ τοῦ θεοῦ,
μηδ’ ἄπερ αἰτήσων ἥλθεν ἔχων. χθὲς γὰρ δὴ
ἀφιγμένῳ ἔοικεν, ὁ δ’ οὗτος ἀφθόνως θύει. φησὶ
δὲ πλείω μὲν θύσειν, πλείω δὲ ἀναθήσειν, εἰ πρό-
σοιτο αὐτὸν ὁ Ἀσκληπιός. ἔστι δὲ τῶν πλου-
σιωτάτων κέκτηται γοῦν ἐν Κιλικίᾳ βίον πλείω
ἢ Κιλικες ὁμοῦ πάντες· ἰκετεύει δὲ τὸν θεὸν ἀπο-
δοῦναί οἱ τὸν ἔτερον τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν ἔξερρυηκότα.”
ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος, ὡσπερ γεγηρακὼς εἰώθει, τοὺς
ὀφθαλμοὺς ἐς τὴν γῆν στήσας “τί δὲ ὅνομα αὐτῷ;”
ἡρετο. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἤκουσε “δοκεῖ μοι,” ἔφη, “ὦ
ἰερεῦ, τὸν ἄνθρωπον τοῦτον μὴ προσδέχεσθαι
τῷ ἴερῷ, μιαρὸς γάρ τις ἦκει καὶ κεχρημένος οὐκ
ἐπὶ χρηστοῖς τῷ πάθει, καὶ αὐτὸ δὲ τὸ πρὸν
εὑρέσθαι τι παρὰ τοῦ θεοῦ πολυτελῶς θύειν οὐ
θύοντός ἔστιν, ἀλλ’ ἔαυτὸν παραιτουμένου σχε-
τλίων τε καὶ χαλεπῶν ἔργων.” ταῦτα μὲν ὁ
Ἀπολλώνιος. ὁ δ’ Ἀσκληπιὸς ἐπιστὰς νύκτωρ
τῷ ἴερεῖ “ἀπίτω,” ἔφη, “ό δεῦνα τὰ ἔαυτοῦ ἔχων,
ἄξιος γὰρ μηδὲ τὸν ἔτερον τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν ἔχειν.”
ἀναμανθάνων οὖν ὁ ἱερεὺς τὸν ἄνθρωπον, γυνὴ
μὲν τῷ Κίλικι τούτῳ ἐγεγόνει θυγατέρα ἔχουσα
προτέρων γάμων, ὁ δὲ ἥρα τῆς κόρης καὶ ἀκολά-
στως εἶχε ἔινας τε οὐδὲ ὡς λαθεῖν· ἐπιστᾶσα

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very handsome gift to the gods?" And the priest CHAP.
replied: "You may rather be surprised at a man's
offering all this without having first put up a prayer
in our fane, and without having stayed with us as
long as other people do, and without having gained
his health from the god, and without obtaining all
the things he came to ask for here. For he appears
to have come only yesterday, and yet he is sacrific-
ing on this lavish scale. And he declares that he
will sacrifice more victims, and dedicate more gifts,
if Asclepius will hearken to him. And he is one of
the richest men in existence; at any rate he owns in
Cilicia an estate bigger than all the Cilicians together
possess. And he is supplicating the god to restore
to him one of his eyes that has fallen out." But
Apollonius fixed his eyes upon the ground, as he was
accustomed to do in later life, and asked: "What
is his name?" And when he heard it, he said: "It
seems to me, O Priest, that we ought not to welcome
this fellow in the Temple: for he is some ruffian who
has come here, and that he is afflicted in this way is
due to some sinister reason: nay, his very conduct in
sacrificing on such a magnificent scale before he has
gained anything from the god is not that of a genuine
votary, but rather of a man who is begging himself
off from the penalty of some horrible and cruel
deeds." This was what Apollonius said: and
Asclepius appeared to the priest by night, and said:
"Send away so and so at once with all his possessions,
and let him keep them, for he deserves to lose the
other eye as well." The priest accordingly made
inquiries about the Cilician and learned that his wife
had by a former marriage borne a daughter, and he
had fallen in love with the maiden and had seduced
her, and was living with her in open sin. For the

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CAP. ^X γὰρ ἡ μήτηρ τῇ εὐνῇ τῆς μὲν ἄμφω, τοῦ δὲ τὸν ἔτερον τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν ἐξέκοψεν ἐναράξασα τὰς περόνας.

XI

CAP. ^{XI} Τό γε μὴν θύοντας ἡ ἀνατιθέντας μὴ ὑπερβάλλειν τὸ μέτριον ὥδε αὐτῷ ἐφίλοσοφεῖτο· πλειόνων γάρ ποτε ξυνεληλυθότων ἐς τὸ ἵερὸν ἄρτι ἐξεληλαμένου τοῦ Κίλικος ἥρετο τὸν ἵερέα οὐτωσί· “ἄρα,” ἔφη, “οἱ θεοὶ δίκαιοι;” “δικαιότατοι μὲν οὖν” εἶπε. “τί δέ· ξυνετοί;” “καὶ τί,” ἔφη, “ξυνετώτερον τοῦ θείου;” “τὰ δὲ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἴσασιν, ἡ ἅπειροι αὐτῶν εἰσι;” “καὶ μὴν τοῦτ;” ἔφη, “πλεονεκτοῦσι μάλιστα οἱ θεοὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὅτι οἱ μὲν ὑπ’ ἀσθενείας οὐδὲ τὰ ἑαυτῶν, ἴσασι, τοῖς δὲ γυγνώσκειν ὑπάρχει τὰ ἐκείνων τε καὶ τὰ αὐτῶν.” “πάντα,” ἔφη, “ἄριστα, ω ἵερεῦ, καὶ ἀληθέστατα. ἐπεὶ τοίνυν πάντα γυγνώσκουσι, δοκεῖ μοι τὸν ἥκοντα ἐσ θεοῦ καὶ χρηστὰ ἑαυτῷ ξυνειδότα τοιάνδε εὐχὴν εὔχεσθαι· ω θεοί, δοίητέ μοι τὰ ὀφειλόμενα· ὀφειλεται γάρ που, ω ἵερεῦ, τοῖς μὲν ὄσίοις τὰ ἀγαθά, τοῖς δὲ φαύλοις τάναντία, καὶ οἱ θεοὶ οὖν εὐ ποιοῦντες, δι μὲν ἀν ὑγιᾶ τε καὶ ἀτρωτον κακίας εὔρωσι, πέμπουσι δήπου στεφανώσαντες οὐ χρυσοῖς στεφάνοις, ἀλλ’ ἀγαθοῖς

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mother had surprised the two in bed, and had CHAP.
put out both her eyes and one of his by stabbing ^X them with her brooch-pin.

XI

AGAIN he inculcated the wise rule, that in our CHAP.
sacrifices or dedications we should not go beyond the ^{XI}

just mean, in the following way. On one occasion several people had flocked to the Temple, not long after the expulsion of the Cilician, and he took the occasion to ask the priest the following questions.

Insists on
morality in
Religion

"Are then," he said, "the gods just?" "Why, of course, most just," answered the priest. "Well, and are they wise?" "And what," said the other, "can be wiser than the godhead?" "But do they know the affairs of men, or are they without experience of them?" "Why," said the other, "this is just the point in which the gods excel mankind, for the latter, because of their frailty, do not understand their own concerns, whereas the gods have the privilege of understanding the affairs both of men and of themselves." "All your answers," said Apollonius, "are excellent, O Priest, and very true. Since then, they know everything, it appears to me that a person who comes to the house of God and has a good conscience, should put up the following prayer: 'O ye gods, grant unto me that which I deserve.' For," he went on, "the holy, O Priest, surely deserve to receive blessings, and the wicked the contrary. Therefore the gods, as they are beneficent, if they find anyone who is healthy and whole and unscarred by vice, will send him away, surely, after crowning him, not with golden crowns, but with all

The Prayer
of
Apollonius

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CAP. πᾶσιν, δὸν δ' ἀν κατεστυγμένον ἴδωσι καὶ διε-
^{XI} φθορότα, καταλείπουσι τῇ δίκῃ, τοσοῦτον αὐτοῖς
ἐπιμηνίσαντες, ὅσον ἐτόλμησαν καὶ ιερὰ ἐσφοιτᾶν
μὴ καθαροὶ ὄντες." καὶ ἂμα ἐς τὸν Ἀσκληπιὸν
βλέψας "φιλοσοφεῖς." ἔφη "ὦ Ἀσκληπιέ, τὴν
ἄρρητόν τε καὶ συγγενῆ σαυτῷ φιλοσοφίαν μὴ
συγχωρῶν τοῖς φαύλοις δεῦρο ἥκειν, μηδὲ ἀν πάντα
σοι τὰ ἀπὸ Ἰνδῶν καὶ Σαρδών ἔνυμενοι τὴν δίκην, ἢν οὐ ἔνυμε-
ρεῖτε αὐτοῖς δικαιότατοι ὄντες." πολλὰ τοιαῦτα
ἐν τῷ ιερῷ ἐφιλοσόφει ἐν ἐφήβῳ ἔτι.

XII

CAP. Κάκεῦνα τῆς ἐν Αἰγαῖς διατριβῆς. Κιλίκων
^{XII} ἥρχεν ὑβριστὴς ἄνθρωπος καὶ κακὸς τὰ ἐρωτικά·
ἐς τοῦτον ἥλθε λόγος τῆς Ἀπολλωνίου ὥρας, ὁ δὲ
ἐρρώσθαι φράσας οἷς ἐπραττεν· ἐν Ταρσοῖς δὲ ἄρα
ἀγορὰν ἥγεν· ἔξωρμήθη ἐς τὰς Αἰγὰς νοσεῖν τε ἑα-
τὸν φήσας καὶ τοῦ Ἀσκληπιοῦ δεῖσθαι, καὶ προσ-
ελθὼν τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ βαδίζοντι ἴδιᾳ "σύστησόν
με" ἔφη "τῷ θεῷ." ὁ δὲ ὑπολαβὼν "καὶ τί σοι
δεῖ τοῦ συστήσοντος," εἶπεν, "εἰ χρηστὸς εἰ; τοὺς
γὰρ σπουδαίους οἱ θεοὶ καὶ ἀνευ τῶν προξενούντων
ἀσπάζονται." "ὅτι μὴ Δὲ," ἔφη, "Ἀπολλώνιε,
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sorts of blessings ; but if they find a man branded CHAP.
with sin and utterly corrupt, they will hand him XI
over and leave him to justice, after inflicting their
wrath upon him all the more, because he dared to
invade their Temples without being pure." And at
the same moment he looked towards Asclepius, and
said : " O Asclepius, the philosophy you teach is
secret and congenial to yourself, in that you suffer
not the wicked to come hither, not even if they
pour into your lap all the wealth of India and Sardis.
For it is not out of reverence for the divinity that
they sacrifice these victims and kindle these fires,
but in order to purchase a verdict, which you will
not concede to them in your perfect justice." And
much similar wisdom he delivered himself of in
this Temple, while he was still a youth.

XII

THIS tale also belongs to the period of his CHAP.
residence in Aegae. Cilicia was governed at the XII
time by a ruffian addicted to infamous forms of Attempts
passion. No sooner did he hear the beauty of the
Apollonius spoken of, than he cast aside the matters vicious
he was busy upon (and he was just then holding Governor
a court in Tarsus), and hurrying off to Aegae on
pretended he was sick and must have the help of
Apollonius. There he came upon Apollonius walking
alone and prayed him to recommend him to the god.
But he replied : " What recommendation can you
want from anyone if you are good ? For the gods
love men of virtue and welcome them without any
introductions." " Because, to be sure," said the
other, " the god, O Apollonius, has invited you to be

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CAP. σὲ μὲν ὁ θεὸς πεποίηται ξένον, ἐμὲ δὲ οὔπω.”
XII “ἀλλὰ κάμοῦ,” ἔφη, “καλοκάγαθία προύξένησεν,
ἥ χρώμενος, ὡς δυνατὸν νέφω, θεράπων τέ εἰμι τοῦ
Ἀσκληπιοῦ καὶ ἑταῖρος· εἰ δὲ καὶ σοὶ καλοκάγα-
θίας μέλει, χώρει θαρρῶν παρὰ τὸν θεὸν καὶ εὔχουν,
ὅ τι ἐθέλεις.” “νὴ Δὲ,” εἶπεν, “ἢ σοὶ γε προ-
τέρω εὐξωμαῖ.” “καὶ τί,” ἔφη, “ἐμοὶ εὐξῆ;” “ὅ,”
ἥ δ̄ ὅς, “εὐχεσθαι δεῖ τοῖς καλοῖς· εὐχόμεθα δὲ
αὐτοῖς κοινωνεῖν τοῦ κάλλους καὶ μὴ φθονεῖν τῆς
ῶρας.” ἔλεγε δὲ ταῦτα ὑποθρύπτων ἑαυτὸν καὶ
τοὺς ὄφθαλμοὺς ὑγραίνων, καὶ τί γὰρ οὐχ ἐλίττων
τῶν οὔτως ἀσελγῶν τε καὶ ἐπιρρήτων· ὁ δὲ ταυρη-
δὸν ὑποβλέψας αὐτὸν “μαίνη,” ἔφη, “ὦ κάθαρμα.”
τοῦ δ’ οὐ μόνον πρὸς ὄργὴν ταῦτα ἀκούσαντος,
ἀλλὰ καὶ ἀπειλήσαντος, ὡς ἀποκόψοι αὐτοῦ τὴν
κεφαλήν, καταγελάσας ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος “ὦ ἡ δεῖνα
ἡμέρα” ἀνεβόησε· τρίτη δὲ ἄρα ἦν ἀπ’ ἐκείνης, ἐν
ἥ δήμοι κατὰ τὴν ὕδων ἀπέκτειναν τὸν ὑβριστὴν
ἐκείνον, ὡς ξὺν Ἀρχελάφ τῷ Καππαδόκιας
βασιλεῖ νεώτερα ἐπὶ Ῥωμαίους πράττοντα. ταῦτα
καὶ πολλὰ τοιαῦτα Μαξίμῳ τῷ Αἰγιεῖ ξυηγέ-
γραπται, ἡξιώθη δὲ καὶ βασιλείων ἐπιστολῶν
οὗτος εὐδοκιμῶν τὴν φωνήν.

XIII

CAP. ’Επεὶ δὲ τεθνεῶτα τὸν πατέρα ἥκουσεν, ἔδραμεν
XIII ἐς τὰ Τύανα, κάκεῖνον μὲν ταῖς ἑαυτοῦ χερσὶν
ἔθαψε πρὸς τῷ τῆς μητρὸς σήματι, ἐτεθνήκει δὲ
κάκείνη οὐ πάλαι, τὴν δὲ οὐσίαν λαμπρὰν οὖσαν

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his guest, but so far has not invited me." "Nay," CHAP. XII
answered Apollonius, "'tis my humble merits, so far as a young man can display good qualities, which have been my passport to the favour of Asclepius, whose servant and companion I am. If you too really care for goodness, go boldly up to the god and tender what prayer you will." "By heaven, I will," said the other, "if you will allow me to address you one first." "And what prayer," said Apollonius, "can you make to me?" "A prayer which can only be offered to the beautiful, and which is that they may grant to others participation in their beauty and not grudge their charms." This he said with a vile leer and voluptuous air and all the usual wriggles of such infamous debauchees; but Apollonius with a stern fierce glance at him, said: "You are mad, you scum." The other not only flamed up at these words, but threatened to cut off his head, whereat Apollonius laughed at him and cried out loud, "Ha, that day is to come!" And in fact it was only three days later that the ruffian was executed by the officers of justice on the high road for having intrigued with Archelaus the king of Cappadocia against the Romans. These and many similar incidents are given by Maximus of Aegae in his treatise, a writer whose reputation for oratory won him a position in the emperor's Secretariat.

XIII

Now when he heard that his father was dead, he CHAP. XIII
hurried to Tyana, and with his own hands buried him hard by his mother's sepulchre, for she too had died not long before; and he divided the property,

Apollonius
reforms his
elder
brother

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CAP. διέλαχε πρὸς τὸν ἀδελφὸν ἀκόλαστόν τε καὶ
φιλοπότην ὅντα. καὶ τῷ μὲν τρίτον τε καὶ
εἰκοστὸν ἦν ἔτος καὶ ἡλικία οὖα μὴ ἐπιτροπεύεσθαι,
ό δ' αὐτὸν εἴκοσι γεγόνει καὶ οἱ νόμοι αὐτὸν ὑπεῖχον
τοῖς ἐπιτρόποις. διατρίψας οὖν ἐν Αἰγαῖς πάλιν
καὶ τὸ ἱερὸν Λύκειόν τε ἀποφήνας καὶ Ἀκαδημίαν,
φιλοσοφίας γὰρ ἡχώ πάσης ἐν αὐτῷ ἦν, ἐπαν-
ῆλθεν ἐς τὰ Τύανα ἀνῆρ ἥδη καὶ κύριος τῶν ἑαυτοῦ·
εἰπόντος δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν τινος, ως σωφρονίσαι τὸν
ἀδελφὸν προσήκοι αὐτῷ καὶ μεταβαλεῖν τοῦ
τρόπου, “τουτὶ μὲν θρασύ,” ἔφη, “δόξει, πρεσ-
βύτερον γὰρ νέος πῶς ἀν σωφρονίζοιμι; ως δέ μοι
δυνατόν, ιάσομαι αὐτὸν τουτωνὶ τῶν παθῶν”
δίδωσι δὴ αὐτῷ τὴν ἡμίσειαν τῆς ἑαυτοῦ μοίρας,
τὸν μὲν πλειόνων δεῖσθαι φήσας, ἑαυτὸν δὲ ὀλίγων,
ἔφιστας δὲ αὐτὸν καὶ σοφῶς ὑπαγόμενος ἐς τὸ
σωφρονίζοντι πείθεσθαι “ό μὲν πατήρ,” ἔφη,
“μεθέστηκεν, δος ἐπαίδευέ τε ἡμᾶς καὶ ἐνουθέτει,
λοιπὸς δὲ σὺ ἐμοὶ καὶ σοὶ δήπου ἐγώ εἴτ' οὖν
ἐγώ τι ἀμαρτάνοιμι, σύμβουλος γίγνου καὶ ἵω
τάμα, εἴτ' αὐτός τι ἀμαρτάνοις, ἀνέχου διδάσκον-
τος.” κάκεινον μέν, ὥσπερ οἱ καταψῶντες τοὺς
.δυσηνίους τε καὶ μὴ εὐαγώγους τῶν ἵππων, ἐς
πειθὼ ἥγαγε καὶ μετερρύθμισε τῶν ἀμαρτημάτων
πολλῶν ὅντων, καὶ γὰρ κύβων ἥττητο καὶ οἴνου,
καὶ ἐφ' ἔταίρας ἐκώμαζεν, ἐπαιρούσης αὐτὸν κόμης,
ἥν καὶ βαφαῖς ἥσκει, σοβῶν τε καὶ ἄνω βαίνων.

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which was very ample, with his brother, who was an CHAP. XIII incorrigibly bad character and given to drink. Now the latter had reached his twenty-third year, and was of an age no longer to need a guardian; Apollonius, on the other hand, was only twenty, and the law subjected him to guardians. He therefore spent afresh some time in Aegae, and turned the temple into a Lyceum and Academy, for it resounded with all sorts of philosophical discussions. After that he returned to Tyana, by this time grown to manhood and his own master. Some one said to him that it was his duty to correct his brother and convert him from his evil ways; whereon he answered: "This would seem a bold enterprise; for how can I who am the younger one correct and render wise an older man? but so far as I can do anything, I will heal him of these bad passions." Accordingly he gave to him the half of his own share of the property, on the pretence that he required more than he had, while he himself needed little; and then he pressed him and cleverly persuaded him to submit to the counsels of wisdom, and said: "Our father has departed this life, who educated us both and corrected us, so that you are all that I have left, and I imagine, I am all that you have left. If therefore I do anything wrong, please advise me and cure me of my faults; and in turn if you yourself do anything wrong, suffer me to teach you better." And so he reduced his brother to a reasonable state of mind, just as we break in skittish and unruly horses by stroking and patting them; and he reformed him from his faults, numerous as they were, for he was the slave of play and of wine, and he led a riotous life and was vain of his hair, which he dressed up and dyed, strutting

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CAP. έπει δὲ καὶ τὰ πρὸς τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτῷ εὑ̄ εἰχεν,
XIII ἐπὶ τοὺς ἄλλους ἥδη συγγενεῖς ἐτράπετο καὶ τοὺς
δεομένους σφῶν ἀνεκτήσατο τῇ λοιπῇ οὐσίᾳ μικρὰ
έαυτῷ ὑπολιπόμενος, δτε δὴ τὸν μὲν Κλαζομένιον
'Αναξαγόραν ἀγέλαις τε καὶ μῆλοις τὰ ἔαυτοῦ
ἀνέντα προβάτοις ἔφη μᾶλλον ἡ ἀνθρώποις φιλοσο-
φῆσαι, τὸν δὲ Θηβαῖον Κράτητα καταποντώσαντα
τὴν οὐσίαν οὔτε ἀνθρώποις γενέσθαι ἐπιτήδειον
οὔτε προβάτοις. εὐδοκιμῆσαντος δὲ τοῦ Πυθαγόρου
ἐπὶ τῷ λόγῳ, δν ἐλεγε περὶ τοῦ μὴ δεῦν παρ' ἄλλην
ἴέναι γυναῖκα ἡ τὴν ἔαυτοῦ, τουτὶ μὲν ἐτέροις ἔφη
ὑπὸ Πυθαγόρου προειρῆσθαι, αὐτὸς δὲ μήτ' ἀν
γῆμαι μήτ' ἀν ἐς ὁμιλίαν ἀφικέσθαι ποτὲ ἀφροδι-
σίων, ὑπερβαλλόμενος καὶ τὸ τοῦ Σοφοκλέους· ὁ μὲν
γὰρ λυττῶντα ἔφη καὶ ἄγριον δεσπότην ἀποφυγεῖν
ἐς γῆρας ἐλθών, ὁ δ' ὑπ' ἀρετῆς τε καὶ σωφροσύνης
οὐδὲ ἐν μειρακίῳ ἡττήθη τούτου, ἀλλὰ καὶ νέος ὧν
καὶ τὸ σῶμα ἐρρωμένος ἐκράτει τε καὶ λυττῶντος
ἐδέσποζεν. ἀλλ' ὅμως συκοφαντοῦσί τινες ἐπὶ
ἀφροδισίοις αὐτόν, ως διαμαρτίᾳ ἐρωτικῇ χρη-
σάμενον καὶ διὰ τοῦτο ἀπενιαυτίσαντα ἐς τὸ
Σκυθῶν ἔθνος, δς οὔτε ἐφοίτησέ ποτε ἐς Σκύθας
οὔτε ἐς ἐρωτικὰ πάθη ἀπηνέχθη· οὐκον οὐδὲ
Εὐφράτης ποτὲ ἐσυκοφάντησεν ἐπὶ ἀφροδισίοις
τὸν ἄνδρα, καίτοι ψευδῆ γράμματα κατ' αὐτοῦ
ξυνθείς, ως ἐν τοῖς περὶ Εὐφράτου λόγοις δείξομεν,
διεφέρετο δὲ πρὸς τὸν 'Απολλώνιον, ἐπειδὴ πάνθ'
ὑπὲρ χρημάτων αὐτὸν πράττοντα ἐπέκοπτεν οὗτος

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about like an arrogant dandy. So when all was well CHAP.
between him and his brother, he at once turned XIII
his attention to his other relatives, and conciliated such of them as were in want by bestowing on them the rest of his property, leaving only a trifle to himself; for he said that Anaxagoras of Clazomenae kept his philosophy for cattle rather than for men when he abandoned his fields to flocks and goats, and that Crates of Thebes, when he threw his money into the sea benefited neither man nor beast. And as Pythagoras was celebrated for his saying that “a man should have no intercourse except with his own wife,” he declared that this was intended by Pythagoras for others than himself, for that he was resolved never to wed nor have any connexion whatever with women. In laying such restraint on himself he surpassed Sophocles, who only said that in reaching old age he had escaped from a mad and cruel master; but Apollonius by dint of virtue and temperance never even in his youth was so overcome. While still a mere stripling, in full enjoyment of his bodily vigour, he mastered and gained control of the maddening passion. And yet there are those who accuse him falsely of an addiction to venery, alleging that he fell a victim of such sins and spent a whole year in their indulgence among the Scythians, the facts being that he never once visited Scythia nor was ever carried away by such passions. Not even Euphrates ever accused the sage of venery, though he traduced him otherwise and composed lying treatises against him, as we shall shew when we come to speak of him below. And his quarrel with Apollonius was that the latter rallied him for doing everything for money and tried to wean him of his

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CAP. καὶ ἀπῆγε τοῦ χρηματίζεσθαι τε καὶ τὴν σοφίαν
XIII καπηλεύειν. ἀλλὰ ταῦτα μὲν ἐς τοὺς αὐτῶν
χρόνους ἀναβεβλήσθω μοι.

XIV

CAP. 'Ερομένου δέ ποτε τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον τοῦ Εὔξέ-
XIV νου, τί δῆτα οὐ κυνηγράφοι καίτοι γενναίως δοξά-
ζων καὶ ἀπαγγελίᾳ χρώμενος δοκίμῳ καὶ ἐγηγερ-
μένῃ "ὅτι, "ἔφη, "οὕπω ἐσιώπησα." καὶ ἐνθένδε
ἀρξάμενος σιωπᾶν φήθη δεῖν, καὶ τὴν μὲν φωνὴν
κατεῖχεν, οἱ δ' ὁφθαλμοὶ καὶ ὁ νοῦς πλεῖστα μὲν
ἀνεγίγνωσκον, πλεῖστα δὲ ἐς μνήμην ἀνελέγοντο·
τό τοι μνημονικὸν ἑκατοντούτης γενόμενος καὶ
ὑπὲρ τὸν Σιμωνίδην ἔρρωτο, καὶ ὅμοιος αὐτῷ τις ἐς
τὴν μνημοσύνην ἥδετο, ἐν φάντα μὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ
χρόνου μαραίνεσθαι φησιν, αὐτόν γε μὴν τὸν
χρόνον ἀγήρω τε καὶ ἀθάνατον παρὰ τῆς μνημο-
σύνης εἶναι. οὐ μὴν ἄχαρις τά γε ἐς ξυνουσίας
ἥν παρ' ὃν ἐσιώπα χρόνον, ἀλλὰ πρὸς τὰ λεγό-
μενα καὶ οἱ ὁφθαλμοί τι ἐπεσήμαινον καὶ ἡ χεὶρ
καὶ τὸ τῆς κεφαλῆς νεῦμα, οὐδὲ ἀμειδῆς ἡ
σκυθρωπὸς ἐφαίνετο, τὸ γὰρ φιλέταιρόν τε καὶ τὸ
εὔμενὲς εἶχε. τοῦτον ἐπιπονώτατον αὐτῷ φῆσι
γενέσθαι τὸν βίον ὅλων πέντε ἑτῶν ἀσκηθέντα,
πολλὰ μὲν γὰρ εἰπεῖν ἔχουντα μὴ εἰπεῖν, πολλὰ δὲ
πρὸς ὄργὴν ἀκούσαντα μὴ ἀκούσαι, πολλοῖς δ'
ἐπιπλῆξαι προαχθέντα "τέτλαθι δὴ κραδίη τε

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love of filthy lucre and of huckstering his wisdom. CHAP.
But these matters I must defer to the times to which XIII
they belong.

XIV

ON one occasion, Euxenus asked Apollonius why CHAP.
so noble a thinker as he and one who was master of XIV
a diction so fine and nervous did not write a book. His five
He replied : "I have not yet kept silence." And years' spell
forthwith he began to hold his tongue from a sense of silence
of duty, and kept absolute silence, though his eyes and his mind were taking note of many a thing, and though most things were being stored in his memory. Indeed, when he reached the age of a hundred, he still surpassed Simonides in point of memory, and he used to chant a hymn addressed to memory, in which it is said that everything is worn and withered away by time, whereas time itself never ages, but remains immortal because of memory. Nevertheless his company was not without charm during the period of his silence ; for he would maintain a conversation by the expression of his eyes, by gestures of his hand and nodding his head ; nor did he strike men as gloomy or morose ; for he retained his fondness for company and his cheerfulness. This part of his life he says was the most uphill work he knew, since he practised silence for five whole years ; for he says he often had things to say and could not do so, and he was often obliged not to hear things the hearing of which would have enraged him, and often when he was moved and inclined to break out in a rebuke to others, he said to himself : "Bear up then, my heart Olym. Y. 18

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CAP. XIV καὶ γλῶττα" πρὸς ἑαυτὸν φάναι, λόγων τε προσκρουσάντων αὐτῷ παρεῖναι τὰς ἐλέγξεις τότε.

XV

CAP. XV Διέτριψέ τε τοὺς τῆς σιωπῆς χρόνους τὸν μὲν ἐν Παμφύλοις, τὸν δὲ ἐν Κιλικίᾳ, καὶ βαδίζων δι' οὗτω τρυφώντων ἐθνῶν οὐδαμοῦ ἐφθέγξατο, οὐδ' ὑπήχθη γρύξαι. ὅπότε μὴν στασιαζούσῃ πόλει ἐντύχοι, πολλαὶ δὲ ἐστασίαζον ὑπὲρ θεαμάτων οὐ σπουδαίων, παρελθὼν ἀν καὶ δείξας ἑαυτόν, καὶ τι καὶ μελλούσης ἐπιπλήξεως τῇ χειρὶ καὶ τῷ προσώπῳ ἐνδειξάμενος, ἔξηρητ' ἀν ἀταξία πᾶσα, καὶ ὥσπερ ἐν μυστηρίοις ἐσιώπων. καὶ τὸ μὲν τοὺς ὄρχηστῶν τε καὶ ἵππων ἔνεκα στασιάζειν ὡρμηκότας ἀνασχεῖν οὕπω μέγα, οἱ γὰρ ὑπὲρ τοιούτων ἀτακτοῦντες, ἀν πρὸς ἄνδρα ἴδωσιν, ἐρυθριώσι τε καὶ αὐτῶν ἐπιλαμβάνονται καὶ ῥάστα δὴ ἐς νοῦν ἥκουσι, λιμῷ δὲ πεπιεσμένην πόλιν οὐ ῥάδιον εὐηνίψει καὶ πιθανῷ λόγῳ μεταδιδάξαι καὶ ὄργης παῦσαι. ἀλλ' Ἀπολλωνίψει καὶ ἡ σιωπὴ πρὸς τοὺς οὕτω διακειμένους ἥρκει. ἀφίκετο μὲν γὰρ ἐς "Ασπενδον τὴν Παμφύλων— πρὸς Εύρυμέδοντι δὲ οἰκεῖται ποταμῷ ἡ πόλις αὕτη, τρίτη τῶν ἐκεῖ—δροβοι δ' ὄντοι καὶ τὰ ἐς βρῶσιν ἀναγκαῖα διέβοσκεν αὐτούς, τὸν γὰρ σῖτον οἱ δυνατοὶ ξυγκλείσαντες εἶχον, ἵν' ἐκκαπηλευθείη τῆς χώρας. ἀνηρέθιστο δὴ ἐπὶ τὸν

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and tongue ; " and when reasoning offended him he CHAP.
had to give up for the time the refuting of it. XIV

XV

THESE years of silence he spent partly in Pam- CHAP.
phylia and partly in Cilicia ; and though his paths lay XV
through such effeminate races as these, he never spoke nor was even induced to murmur. Whenever, however, he came on a city engaged in civil conflict (and many were divided into factions over spectacles of a low kind), he would advance and show himself, and by indicating part of his intended rebuke by manual gesture or by look on his face, he would put an end to all the disorder, and people hushed their voices, as if they were engaged in the mysteries. Well, it is not so very difficult to restrain those who have started a quarrel about dances and horses, for those who are rioting about such matters, if they turn their eyes to a real man, blush and check themselves and easily recover their senses ; but a city hard pressed by famine is not so tractable, nor so easily brought to a better mood by persuasive words and its passion quelled. But in the case of Apollonius, mere silence on his part was enough for those so affected. Anyhow, when he came to Aspendus in Pamphylia (and this city is built on the river Erymmedon along with two others), he found nothing but vetch on sale in the market, and the citizens were feeding upon this and on anything else they could get ; for the rich men had shut up all the corn and were holding it up for export from the country. Consequently an excited

The selfish
corn-mer-
chants of
Aspendus

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CAP. ἄρχοντα ἡλικία πᾶσα καὶ πυρὸς ἐπ' αὐτον
^{xv} ἥπτοντο καίτοι προσκείμενον τοῖς βασιλείοις
ἀνδριάσιν, οἱ καὶ τοῦ Διὸς τοῦ ἐν Ὀλυμπίᾳ
φοβερώτεροι ἦσαν τότε καὶ ἀσυλότεροι, Τιβερίου
γε ὅντες, ἐφ' οὐ λέγεται τις ἀσεβῆσαι δόξαι
τυπτήσας τὸν ἑαυτοῦ δοῦλον φέροντα δραχμὴν
ἀργυρᾶν νενομισμένην ἐς Τιβέριων. προσελθὼν
οὖν τῷ ἄρχοντι ἥρετο αὐτὸν τῇ χειρί, ὃ τι εἴη
τοῦτο, τοῦ δὲ ἀδικεῖν μὲν οὐδὲν φήσαντος, ἀδικεῖ-
σθαι δὲ μετὰ τοῦ δήμου, λόγου δὲ εἰ μὴ τύχοι,
ξυναπολεῖσθαι τῷ δήμῳ, μετεστράφη τε εἰς τοὺς
περιεστηκότας ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος καὶ ἔνευσεν ὡς χρὴ
ἀκοῦσαι, οἱ δὲ οὐ μόνον ἐσιώπησαν ὑπ' ἐκπλήξεως
τῆς πρὸς αὐτόν, ἀλλὰ καὶ τὸ πῦρ ἔθεντο ἐπὶ τῶν
βωμῶν τῶν αὐτόθι. ἀναθαρρήσας οὖν ὁ ἄρχων
“οἱ δεῖνα,” ἔφη, “καὶ οἱ δεῖνα,” πλείους εἰπών, “τοῦ
λιμοῦ τοῦ καθεστηκότος αἴτιοι, τὸν γὰρ σῖτον
ἀπολαβόντες φυλάττουσι κατ' ἄλλος ἄλλο τῆς
χώρας.” διακελευομένων δὲ τῶν Ἀσπενδίων
ἄλληλοις ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀγροὺς φοιτᾶν, ἀνένευσεν ὁ
Ἀπολλώνιος μὴ πράττειν τοῦτο, μετακαλεῖν δὲ
μᾶλλον τοὺς ἐν τῇ αἴτιᾳ καὶ παρ' ἐκόντων
εὑρέσθαι τὸν σῖτον. ἀφικομένων δὲ μικροῦ μὲν
ἐδέησε καὶ φωνὴν ἐπ' αὐτοὺς ῥῆξαι, παθών τι
πρὸς τὰ τῶν πολλῶν δάκρυα—καὶ γὰρ παιδία
ξυνερρυήκει καὶ γύναια, καὶ ὠλοφύροντο οἱ
γεγηρακότες, ὡς αὐτίκα δὴ ἀποθανούμενοι λιμῷ—

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crowd of all ages had set upon the governor, and CHAP.
were lighting a fire to burn him alive, although he XV
was clinging to the statues of the Emperor, which
were more dreaded at that time and more inviolable
than the Zeus in Olympia ; for they were statues of
Tiberius, in whose reign a master is said to have been
held guilty of impiety, merely because he struck his
own slave when he had on his person a silver drach-
ma coined with the image of Tiberius. Apollonius
then went up to the governor and with a sign of his
hand asked him what was the matter ; and he
answered that he had done no wrong, but was
indeed being wronged quite as much as the popu-
lace ; but, he said, if he could not get a hearing, he
would perish along with the populace. Apollonius
then turned to the bystanders, and beckoned to
them that they must listen ; and they not only held
their tongues from wonderment at him, but they laid
the fire they had kindled on the altars which were
there. The governor then plucked up courage and
said : "This man and that man," and he named
several, "are to blame for the famine which has
arisen ; for they have taken away the corn and are
keeping it, one in one part of the country and
another in another." The inhabitants of Aspendus
thereupon passed the word to one another to make
for these men's estates, but Apollonius signed with
his head, that they should do no such thing, but
rather summon those who were to blame and obtain
the corn from them with their consent. And when,
after a little time the guilty parties arrived, he very
nearly broke out in speech against them, so much
was he affected by the tears of the crowd ; for the
children and women had all flocked together, and the

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CAP. τιμῶν δὲ τὸ τῆς σιωπῆς δόγμα γράφει ἐς γραμ-
^{XV} ματεῖον ἐπίπληξιν, καὶ δίδωσιν ἀναγινῶνται τῷ
ἄρχοντι· ή δὲ ἐπίπληξις ὡδε εἶχεν· “Ἄπολλώνιος
σιτοκαπήλοις Ἀσπενδίων. η γῆ πάντων μήτηρ,
δικαία γάρ, ὑμεῖς δὲ ἄδικοι ὅντες πεποίησθε
αὐτὴν αὐτῶν μόνων μητέρα, καὶ εἰ μὴ παύσεσθε,
οὐκ ἔάσω ὑμᾶς ἐπ' αὐτῆς ἐστάναι.” ταῦτα
δείσαντες ἐνέπλησαν τὴν ἀγορὰν σίτου καὶ ἀνεβίω
ἡ πόλις.

XVI

CAP. Ἐπεφοίτησε καὶ Ἀντιοχείᾳ τῇ μεγάλῃ πεπαυ-
^{XVI} μένος τοῦ σιωπᾶν, καὶ παρῆλθεν ἐς τὸ ἱερὸν τοῦ
Δαφναίου Ἀπόλλωνος, φέριάπτουσιν Ἀσσύριοι
τὸν μῦθον τὸν Ἀρκάδα· τὴν γὰρ τοῦ Λάδωνος
Δάφνην ἐκεῖ μεταφῦναι λέγουσι, καὶ ποταμὸς
αὐτοῖς ῥεῖ Λάδων, καὶ φυτὸν τιμάται παρ' αὐτοῖς
δάφνης, τούτο δὴ τὸ ἀντὶ τῆς παρθένου, κυπαρίττων
τε ὑψη ἀμήχανα περιέστηκε κύκλῳ τὸ ἱερόν, καὶ
πηγὰς ἐκδίδωσιν ὁ χῶρος ἀφθόνους τε καὶ ἡρεμού-
σας, αἷς τὸν Ἀπόλλωνα φασὶ ῥάίνεσθαι. ἐνταῦθα κυ-
παρίττου τι ἔρνος ἡ γῆ ἀναδέδωκεν, ἐπὶ Κυπαρίττῳ
φασὶν ἐφήβῳ Ἀσσυρίῳ, καὶ πιστοῦται τὴν μετα-
βολὴν ἡ ὥρα τοῦ φυτοῦ. καὶ ἵσως νεανικώτερον
ἀπτεσθαι δοκῶ τοῦ λόγου διαμυθολογῶν τὰ τοι-
αῦτα· ἀλλ' οὐχ ὑπὲρ μυθολογίας ταῦτα. τί δέ μοι

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old men were groaning and moaning as if they were CHAP.
on the point of dying by hunger. However, he
^{XV} respected his vow of silence and wrote on a writing
board his indictment of the offenders and handed it
to the governor to read out aloud; and his indict-
ment ran as follows: "Apollonius to the corn-dealers
of Aspendus. The earth is mother of us all, for she
is just; but you, because you are unjust have
pretended that she is your mother alone; and if you
do not stop, I will not permit you to remain upon
her." They were so terrified by these words, that
they filled the market-place with corn and the city
revived.

XVI

AFTER the term of his silence was over he also CHAP.
visited the great Antioch, and passed into the Temple ^{XVI}
of the Apollo of Daphne, to which the Assyrians attach the legend of Arcadia. For they say that Daphne, the daughter of Ladon, there underwent her metamorphosis, and they have a river flowing there, the Ladon, and a laurel tree is worshipped by them which they say was substituted for the maiden; and cypress trees of enormous height surround the Temple, and the ground sends up springs both ample and placid, in which they say Apollo purified himself by ablution. And there it is that the earth sends up a shoot of cypress, they say in honour of Cyparissus, an Assyrian youth; and the beauty of the shrub lends credence to the story of his metamorphosis. Well, perhaps I may seem to have fallen into a somewhat juvenile vein to approach my story by such legendary particulars as these, but my interest

Finds
Antioch of
Syria
uncongenial

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CAP. ὁ λόγος βούλεται; ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος ἵδων τὸ ἱερὸν
^{XVI} χαρίεν μὲν, σπουδὴν δὲ ἐν αὐτῷ οὐδεμίαν, ἀλλ’ ἀν-
θρώπους ἡμιβαρβάρους καὶ ἀμούσους “Ἀπολλον,”
ἔφη, “μετάβαλε τοὺς ἀφώνους ἐς δένδρα, ἵνα κὰν
ώς κυπάριστοι ἡχῶσιν.” τὰς δὲ πηγὰς ἐπισκεψά-
μενος, ως γαλήνην ἄγουσι καὶ κελαρύζει σφῶν
οὐδεμία, “ἡ ἀφωνία,” εἶπεν, “ἡ ἐνταῦθα οὐδὲ
ταῖς πηγαῖς ξυγχωρεῖ φθέγγεσθαι.” πρὸς δὲ τὸν
Λάδωνα ἵδων “οὐχ ἡ θυγάτηρ,” ἔφη, “σοὶ μόνῃ
μετέβαλεν, ἀλλὰ καὶ σὺ τῷ δόξαι βάρβαρος
ἐξ “Ελληνός τε καὶ Ἀρκάδος.” ἐπεὶ δὲ ἔγνω
διαλέγεσθαι, τὰ μὲν ὁμιλούμενα τῶν χωρίων
καὶ ἀτακτοῦντα παρητεῖτο, φήσας οὐκ ἀνθρώπων
έαυτῷ δεῖν, ἀλλ’ ἀνδρῶν, τὰ δὲ σεμνότερα ἐσεφοίτα
καὶ ὥκει τῶν ἱερῶν τὰ μὴ κληιστά. ἡλίου μὲν
δὴ ἀνίσχοντος ἐφ’ ἕαυτοῦ τινα ἔπραττεν, ἀ μόνοις
ἐποίει δῆλα τοῖς ἐτῶν τεττάρων σιωπᾶν γεγύμνα-
σμένοις, τὸν δὲ μετὰ ταῦτα καιρόν, εἰ μὲν Ἐλλὰς
ἡ πόλις εἴη καὶ τὰ ἱερὰ γνώριμα, ξυγκαλῶν ἀν
τοὺς ἱερέας ἐφιλοσόφει περὶ τῶν θεῶν καὶ διωρ-
θοῦτο αὐτούς, εἴ που τῶν νομιζομένων ἔξαλλάττοιεν,
εἰ δὲ βάρβαρά τε καὶ ἰδιότροπα εἴη, διεμάνθανε
τοὺς ἰδρυσαμένους αὐτὰ καὶ ἐφ’ ὅτῳ ἰδρύθη,
πυθόμενός τε, δηπτι θεραπεύεται ταῦτα καὶ ὑπο-
θέμενος, εἴ τι σοφώτερον τοῦ δρωμένου ἐνθυμηθείη,

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is not really in mythology. What then is the CHAP.
purport of my narrative? Apollonius, when he XVI
beheld a Temple so graceful and yet the home of
no serious studies, but only of men half-barbarous
and uncultivated, remarked: "O Apollo, change
these dumb dogs into trees, so that at least as
cypresses they may become vocal." And when he
had inspected the springs, and noted how calm and
quiet they were, and how not one of them made the
least babble, he remarked: "The prevailing dumb-
ness of this place does not permit even the springs
to speak." And when he saw the Ladon he said:
"It is not your daughter alone that underwent a
change, but you too, so far as one can see, have
become a barbarian after being a Hellene and an
Arcadian." And when he was minded to converse,
he avoided the frequented regions and the dis-
orderly, and said, that it was not a rabble he wanted
but real men; and he resorted to the more solemn
places, and lived in such Temples as were not shut
up. At sunrise, indeed, he performed certain rites
by himself, rites which he only communicated to
those who had disciplined themselves by a four
years' spell of silence; but during the rest of the
day, in case the city was a Greek one, and the
sacred rites familiar to him, he would call the
priests together and talk wisely about the gods, and
would correct them, supposing they had departed
from the traditional forms. If, however, the rites
were barbarous and peculiar, then he would find out
who had founded them and on what occasion they
were established, and having learnt the sort of cult
it was, he would make suggestions, in case he could
think of any improvement upon them, and then he

A day of
his life in
Antioch

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. μετήσι επὶ τοὺς ὁμιλητὰς καὶ ἐκέλευεν ἔρωτᾶν, ἀ
XVI βούλονται. ἔφασκε γάρ χρῆναι τοὺς οὗτοι φιλο-
σοφοῦντας ἡοὺς μὲν ἀρχομένης ξυνεῖναι θεοῖς,
προϊούσης δὲ περὶ θεῶν, τὸν δὲ μετὰ ταῦτα καιρὸν
ἀνθρωπείων πέρι τὰς ξυνουσίας ποιεῖσθαι. εἰπὼν
δ' ἀν πρὸς τοὺς ἑταίρους, ὅπόσα ἡρώτων, καὶ
ἴκανῶς τῆς τοιαύτης ξυνουσίας ἔχων ἐπὶ τὴν διά-
λεξιν ἀνίστατο λοιπὸν τὴν ἐς πάντας, οὐ πρὸ^τ
μεσημβρίας, ἀλλ' ὅπότε μάλιστα ἡ ἡμέρα ἐστήκοι.
καὶ διαλεχθεὶς ἀν ώς ἀπαρκεῖν ὕστερον, ἡλείφετό τε
καὶ τριψάμενος ἔει ἑαυτὸν ἐς ὄνδωρ ψυχρόν, γῆρας
ἀνθρώπων καλῶν τὰ βαλανεῖα· τῆς γοῦν Ἀντιο-
χείας ἀποκλεισθείσης ἐς αὐτὰ ἐπὶ μεγάλοις
ἀμαρτήμασιν “ἔδωκεν ὑμῖν,” ἔφη, “ὁ βασιλεὺς
κακοῖς οὖσι βιῶνται πλείονα ἔτη.” Ἐφεσίων δὲ
βουλομένων καταλιθώσαι τὸν ἄρχοντα ἐπὶ τῷ μὴ
ἐκπυροῦν τὰ βαλανεῖα “ὑμεῖς μὲν τὸν ἄρχοντα,”
ἔφη, “αἰτιᾶσθε, ἐπειδὴ πουηρῶς λοῦσθε, ἐγὼ δὲ
ὑμᾶς, ὅτι λοῦσθε.”

XVII

CAP. Λόγων δὲ ἵδεαν ἐπήσκησεν οὐ διθυραμβώδη
XVII καὶ φλεγμαίνουσαν ποιητικοῖς ὀνόμασιν, οὐδὲ αὐ-
κατεγλωττισμένην καὶ ὑπεραττικίζουσαν, ἀηδὲς
γάρ τὸ ὑπὲρ τὴν μετρίαν Ἀτθίδα ἤγειτο, οὐδὲ
λεπτολογίᾳ ἐδίδου, οὐδὲ διῆγε τοὺς λόγους,

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would go in quest of his followers and bid them ask CHAP.
any questions they liked. For he said that it was XVI
the duty of philosophers of his school to hold con-
verse at the earliest dawn with the gods, but as the
day advanced, about the gods ; and during the rest
of the day to discuss human affairs in friendly inter-
course. And having answered all the questions
which his companions addressed to him, and when he
had had enough of their society, he would rise and
give himself up for the rest of the day to the general
public, not however before mid-day, but as far as
possible just when the day stood still. And when he
thought he had had enough of such conversation, he
would be anointed and rubbed, and then fling him-
self into cold water, for he called hot baths the old
age of men. At any rate when the people of Antioch were shut out of them because of the enormous
Condemns
hot baths
enormities committed there, he said : "The Emperor,
for your sins, has granted you a new lease of life." And when the Ephesians wanted to stone their governor because he did not warm their baths enough he said to them : " You are blaming your governor because you get such a sorry bath ; but I blame you because you take a bath at all."

XVII

THE literary style which he cultivated was not CHAP.
dithyrambic or tumid and swollen with poetical XVII
words, nor again was it far-fetched and full of affected Atticisms ; for he thought that an excessive His literary
degree of Atticising was unpleasant. Neither did he and
indulge in subtleties, nor spin out his discourses ; nor oratorical
style

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. οὐδὲ εἰρωνευομένου τις ἥκουσεν ἡ περιπατοῦντος
XVII ἐσ τοὺς ἀκροωμένους, ἀλλ' ὥσπερ ἐκ τρίποδος
ὅτε διαλέγοιτο "οἶδα" ἔλεγε καὶ "δοκεῖ μοι"
καὶ "ποῖ φέρεσθε;" καὶ "χρὴ εἰδέναι." καὶ
αἱ δόξαι βραχεῖαι καὶ ἀδαμάντινοι, κύριά τε
ὸνόματα καὶ προσπεφυκότα τοῖς πράγμασι, καὶ
τὰ λεγόμενα ἡχὼ εἶχεν, ὥσπερ ἀπὸ σκήπτρου
θεμιστευόμενα. ἐρομένου δὲ αὐτὸν τῶν στενολε-
σχούντων τινός, ὅτου ἔνεκα οὐ ζητοίη, "ὅτι," ἔφη,
"μειράκιον ὃν ἔζήτησα, νῦν δὲ οὐ χρὴ ζητεῖν,
ἀλλὰ διδάσκειν ἂ εὑρῆκα." "πῶς οὖν, Ἀπολλώνιε,
διαλέξεται ὁ σοφός;" πάλιν ἐπερομένου αὐτὸν
"ώς νομοθέτης," ἔφη, "δεῖ γὰρ τὸν νομοθέτην,
ἄ πέπεικεν ἑαυτόν, ταῦτα ἐπιτάγματα ἐσ τοὺς
πολλοὺς ποιεῖσθαι." ὡδε αὐτῷ τὰ ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ
ἐσπουδάζετο, καὶ ἐπέστρεφεν ἐσ ἑαυτὸν ἀνθρώπους
ἀμουσοτάτους.

XVIII

CAP. Μετὰ δὲ ταῦτα λογισμὸν ἑαυτῷ διδοὺς ἀποδη-
XVIII μίας μείζονος, ἐνθυμεῖται τὸ Ἰνδικὸν ἔθνος καὶ
τοὺς ἐν αὐτῷ σοφούς, οἱ λέγονται Βραχμᾶνές τε
καὶ Ἐργάνιοι εἶναι, προσήκειν φήσας νέφιον ἀνδρὶ¹
ἀποδημεῖν τε καὶ ὑπερορίῳ αἴρεσθαι. εὕρημα δὲ
τοὺς μάγους ἐποιεῖτο, οἱ Βαβυλῶνα καὶ Σοῦσα
οἰκοῦσι, καὶ γὰρ ἄν καὶ τὰ ἐκείνων διαμαθεῖν ὁδῷ
χρώμενος. καὶ πρὸς τοὺς ὄμιλητὰς ἐπτὰ ὄντας
ἀνέφηνε τὴν γνώμην. πειρωμένων δὲ αὐτῶν

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did anyone ever hear him dissembling in an ironical way, nor addressing to his audience methodical arguments ; but when he conversed he would assume an oracular manner and use the expressions, "I know," or "It is my opinion," or, "Where are you drifting to ?" or, "You must know." And his sentences were short and crisp, and his words were telling and closely fitted to the things he spoke of, and his words had a ring about them as of the dooms delivered by a sceptred king. And when a certain quibbler asked him, why he asked no questions of him, he replied : "Because I asked questions when I was a stripling ; and it is not my business to ask questions now, but to teach people what I have discovered." "How then," the other asked him afresh, "O Apollonius, should the sage converse ?" "Like a law-giver," he replied, "for it is the duty of the law-giver to deliver to the many the instructions of whose truth he has persuaded himself." This was the line he pursued during his stay in Antioch, and he converted to himself the most unrefined people.

CHAP.
XVII

He spoke as
one having
authority

XVIII

AFTER this he formed the scheme of an extensive voyage, and had in mind the Indian race and the sages there, who are called Brahmans and Hyrcanians ; for he said that it was a young man's duty to go abroad and to embark upon foreign travel. But he made a great deal of the Magi, who live in Babylon and Susa. For, he said, he was determined to acquaint himself thoroughly with their lore, even if it cost him a journey. And he announced his intention to his followers, who were

CHAP.
XVIII

Projects a
visit to
India

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. ξυμβούλεύειν ἔτερα, εἰ πη ἀφελχθείη τῆς ὄρμῆς
XVIII ταύτης, “έγὼ μὲν θεούς,” ἔφη, “συμβούλους
πεποίημαι καὶ τὰ δεδογμένα εἴρηκα, ύμῶν δὲ
βάσανον ἐποιούμην, εἰ πρὸς ἅπερ ἐγὼ ἔρωσθε
ἐπεὶ τοίνυν μαλακῶς ἔχετε, ύμεῖς μὲν ὑγιαίνετε,”
ἔφη, “καὶ φιλοσοφεῖτε· ἐμοὶ δὲ βαδιστέα, οἱ
σοφία τε καὶ δαίμων με ἄγει.” ταῦτα εἰπὼν
ἔξελαύνει τῆς Ἀντιοχείας μετὰ δυοῖν θερα-
πόντουν, οἶπερ αὐτῷ πατρικὸν ἥστην, ὁ μὲν ἐς
τάχος γράφων, ὁ δὲ ἐς κάλλος.

XIX

CAP. ΧΙΧ Καὶ ἀφικνεῖται ἐς τὴν ἀρχαίαν Νίνον, ἐν ἡ
ἄγαλμα ἴδρυται τρόπον βάρβαρον, ἔστι δὲ ἄρα
Ἰὼ ἡ Ἰνάχου καὶ κέρατα τῶν κροτάφων ἐκκρούει
μικρὰ καὶ οίον μέλλοντα. ἐνταῦθα διατρίβοντι
καὶ πλείω ξυνιέντι περὶ τοῦ ἀγάλματος ἡ οἱ ἱερεῖς
καὶ προφήται, προσεφοίτησε Δάμις ὁ Νίνιος, ὃν
καταρχὰς ἔφην ξυναποδημῆσαι οἱ καὶ ξυνέμπορον
γενεσθαι τῆς σοφίας πάσης καὶ πολλὰ τοῦ ἀνδρὸς
διασώσασθαι, δις ἀγασθεὶς αὐτὸν καὶ ζηλώσας τῆς
όδοῦ “ἴωμεν,” ἔφη, “Ἀπολλώνιε, σὺ μὲν θεῷ
ἐπόμενος, ἐγὼ δὲ σοί, καὶ γάρ με καὶ πολλοῦ
ἄξιον εὑροις ἄν· εἰ μὲν ἄλλο τι οὐκ οἶδα, τὸ δ' οὖν
ἐς Βαβυλῶνα ἥκουν, πόλεις τε, ὅπόσαι εἰσίν, οἶδα

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seven in number ; but when they tried to persuade him to adopt another plan, in hopes of drawing him off from his resolution, he said : " I have taken the gods into counsel and have told you their decision ; and I have made trial of you to see if you are strong enough to undertake the same things as myself. Since therefore you are so soft and effeminate, I wish you very good health and that you may go on with your philosophy ; but I must depart whither wisdom and the gods lead me." Having said this he quitted Antioch with two attendants, who belonged to his father's house, one of them a shorthand writer and the other a calligraphist.

CHAP.
XVIII

His
followers
refuse

XIX

AND he reached the ancient city of Nineveh, where he found an idol set up of barbarous aspect, and it is, they say, Io, the daughter of Inachus, and horns short and, as it were, budding project from her temples. While he was staying there and forming wiser conclusions about the image than could the priests and prophets, one Damis, a native of Nineveh, joined him as a pupil, the same, as I said at the beginning, who became the companion of his wanderings abroad and his fellow-traveller and associate in all wisdom, and who has preserved to us many particulars of the sage. He admired him, and having a taste for the road, said : " Let us depart, Apollonius, you following God, and I you ; for I think you will find me of considerable value. For, if I know nothing else, I have at least been to Babylon, and I know all the cities

CHAP.
XIX

Reaches
Nineveh.

The image
of Io

Damis joins
him

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. ἀνελθὼν οὐ πάλαι καὶ κώμας, ἐν αἷς πολλὰ
XIX ἀγαθά, καὶ μὴν καὶ τὰς φωνὰς τῶν βαρβάρων,
ὅπόσαι εἰσίν, εἰσὶ δὲ ἄλλη μὲν Ἀρμενίων, ἄλλη
δὲ Μήδων τε καὶ Περσῶν, ἄλλη δὲ Καδουσίων,
μεταλαμβάνω δὲ πάσας.” “ἔγω δέ,” εἶπεν, “ὦ
έταιρε, πασῶν ξυνίημ, μαθὼν μηδέμιαν.” Θαυμά-
σαντος δὲ τοῦ Νινίου “μὴ θαυμάσῃς,” εἶπεν, “εἰ
πάσας οἵδα φωνὰς ἀνθρώπων οἵδα γὰρ δὴ καὶ
ὅσα σιωπῶσιν ἄνθρωποι.” ὁ μὲν δὴ Ἀσσύριος
προσηγόρευε τοῦτον, ὡς ταῦτα ἥκουσε, καὶ ὥσπερ
δαίμονα ἔβλεπε, συνῆν τε αὐτῷ ἐπιδιδοὺς τὴν
σοφίαν καὶ ὅ τι μάθοι μνημονεύων. φωνὴ δὲ ἦν
τῷ Ἀσσυρίῳ ξυμμέτρως πράττουσα, τὸ γὰρ
λογοειδὲς οὐκ εἶχεν, ἀτε παιδευθεὶς ἐν βαρβάροις,
διατριβὴν δὲ ἀναγράψαι καὶ συνουσίαν καὶ ὅ τι
ἥκουσεν ἡ εἰδεν ἀνατυπώσαι καὶ ὑπόμνημα τῶν
τοιούτων ξυνθεῖναι σφόδρα ἵκανὸς ἦν, καὶ ἐπετή-
δευε τοῦτο ἄριστα ἀνθρώπων. ἡ γοῦν δέλτος ἡ
τῶν ἐκφαντισμάτων τοιούτον τῷ Δάμιδι νοῦν
εἶχεν ὁ Δάμις ἐβούλετο μηδὲν τῶν Ἀπολλωνίου
ἀγνοεῖσθαι, ἀλλ’ εἴ τι καὶ παρεφθέγξατο ἡ
ἀμελῶς εἶπεν, ἀναγεγράφθαι καὶ τοῦτο, καὶ
ᾶξιόν γε εἶπεν, ἀ καὶ πρὸς τὸν μεμψάμενον τὴν
διατριβὴν ταύτην ἀπεφθέγξατο. διασύρουστος
γὰρ αὐτὸν ἀνθρώπου ρᾳθύμου τε καὶ βασκάνου,
καὶ τὰ μὲν ἄλλα ὄρθως ἀναγράφειν φήσαντος,
ὅπόσαι γνῶμαί τέ εἰσι καὶ δόξαι τοῦ ἀνδρός,

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there are, because I have been up there not long ago, and also the villages in which there is much good to be found ; and moreover, I know the languages of the various barbarous races, and there are several, for example the Armenian tongue, and that of the Medes and Persians, and that of the natives of Kadus, and I am familiar with all of them."

"And I," said Apollonius, "my good friend, understand all languages, though I never learnt a single one." The native of Nineveh was astonished at this answer, but the other replied : " You need not wonder at my knowing all human languages ; for, to tell you the truth, I also understand all the secrets of human silence." Thereupon the Assyrian worshipped him, when he heard this, and regarded him as a demon ; and he stayed with him increasing in wisdom and committing to memory whatever he learnt. This Assyrian's language, however, was of a mediocre quality, for he had not the gift of expressing himself, having been educated among the barbarians; but he kept a journal of their intercourse, and recorded in it whatever he heard or saw, and he was very well able to put together a memoir of such matters and managed this better than anyone else could do. At any rate the volume which he calls his scrap-book, was intended to serve such a purpose by Damis, who was determined that nothing about Apollonius should be passed over in silence, nay, that his very solecisms and negligent utterances should also be written down. And I may mention the answer which he made to one who cavilled and found fault with this journal. It was a lazy fellow and malignant who tried to pick holes in him, and remarked that he had recorded well enough a lot of

Apollonius' claim to know all tongues

Damis' memoirs of Apollonius Their style

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. ΤΑΥΤÌ ΔÈ ΤÀ ΟҮΤΩ ΜΙΚΡÀ ΞΥΛΛΕΓÓΜΕΝΟΝ ΠΑΡΑ-
XIX ΠΛΗΣΙÓΝ ΠΟΥ ΤΟÎΣ ΚΥΣÌ ΠΡÁΤΤΕΙΝ ΤΟÎΣ ΣΙΤΟΥ-
ΜÉΝΟΙΣ ΤÀ ΕΚΠÍΠΤΟΝΤΑ ΤΗΣ ΔΑΙΤÓΣ, ΝΠΟΛΑΒÀΩΝ ὁ
ΔÁΜΙΣ “ΕÎ ΔAÎΤEΣ,” ἔΦη, “ΘΕÂΩΝ EÎΣI ΚAΛ ΣΙΤΟÙΝΤΑΙ
ΘEΩI, ΠÁΝΤΩS ΠΟU ΚAΛ ΘEΡÁΠOΝΤEΣ AÜTÔIς EÎSIV, OIς
MÉLΕI TÔU MΗDÈ TÀ PÍPТОNTA TΗS ÁMBROSÍAS ÁPOL-
ΛNσTHAI.”

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CAP. ΤΟΙΟÙΔΕ MÈN ÉTAÍROU ΚAΛ ÉRASTOÙ ÉTUVXEV, ὃ TÒ
XX πOΠOLÙ TÔU BÍOU SUÑEPOREÚTHη. πAΡIÓNTAS DÈ
AÜTÔNÉ ÈS TÀN MÉS7H TÔW POTA7MÔN O TELÁW7H
O ÉPIBÆBLH7MÉNOς TÔ ZEÙYGMATI PRÒS TÒ PI7NAKIOU
H7GЕ KAΛ H7RÓTA, O TÌ ÁPA7GOIEV, O DÈ 'APOL-
LÁWNIOS "ÁPA7GW" ἔΦη "SWΦR0SÙN7H DÍKAIO7MÙN7H
ÁRERETH7N ÉGKRPÁTEIAV ÁNDREIÁV ÁSKH7SIV," PÔLLA
KAΛ OÜTWA TH7L7EA EÎRAV ÓNÓMATA. O DÈ H7D7H BLÉP7WV
TÒ ÉAUTOU KÉRDOS "ÁPÓYGR4PHAI OVN" ἔΦη "TÀS
DOÙLÀS." O DÈ "OÙK EÎE7STIV," EÎPEV, "OÙ γÀP
DOÙLÀS ÁPA7GW TAÙTAS, ÁLLÀ DÉSP7O7NA." TÀN
DÈ TÔW POTA7MÔN MÉS7H O TÍYGRIS ÁPOF7A7NEI
KAΛ O EÙFRÁT7H, RÉONTEV MÈN EÎ 'ARME7NÍAS KAΛ
TAÙROU L7HG7ONTOS, PÆRIBÁLL7ONTES DÈ H7PE7RON, ÈN H7
KAΛ PÔL7EIS MÈN, TÒ DÈ PLE77STOV KÔM7AI, EÎTH7H TE

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things, for example, the opinions and ideas of his hero, but that in collecting such trifles as these he reminded him of dogs who pick up and eat the fragments which fall from a feast. Damis replied thus : “ If the banquets are those of gods, and it is gods who are being fed, surely they must have attendants whose business it is that not even the parcels of ambrosia that fall to the ground should be lost.”

CHAP.
XIX

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SUCH was the companion and admirer that he had met with, and in common with him most of his travels and life were passed. And as they fared on into Mesopotamia, the tax-gatherer who presided over the Bridge (*Zeugma*) led them into the registry and asked them what they were taking out of the country with them. And Apollonius replied : “ I am taking with me temperance, justice, virtue, continence, valour, discipline.” And in this way he strung together a number of feminine nouns or names. The other, already scenting his own perquisites, said : “ You must then write down in the register these female slaves.” Apollonius answered : “ Impossible, for they are not female slaves that I am taking out with me, but ladies of quality.”

CHAP.
XX

Anecdote
of the
Bridge

Now Mesopotamia is bordered on one side by the Tigris, and on the other by the Euphrates, rivers which flow from Armenia and from the lowest slopes of Taurus ; but they contain a tract like a continent, in which there are some cities, though for the most part only villages, and the races that inhabit them

Character of
Mesopo-
tamia

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. Ἀρμένια καὶ Ἀράβια, ἀ ξυγκλείσαντες οἱ ποταμοὶ
 XX ἔχουσιν, ὡν καὶ νομάδες οἱ πολλοὶ στείχουσιν,
 οὐτω τι νησιώτας ἐαυτοὺς νομίζοντες, ως ἐπὶ
 θάλαττάν τε καταβαίνειν φάσκειν, ὅτ' ἐπὶ τοὺς
 ποταμοὺς βαδίζοιεν, ὅρον τε ποιεῖσθαι τῆς γῆς
 τὸν τῶν ποταμῶν κύκλον ἀποτορνεύσαντες γὰρ
 τὴν προειρημένην ἥπειρον ἐπὶ τὴν αὐτὴν ἔνται
 θάλατταν. εἰσὶ δὲ, οἵ φασιν ἐς ἔλος ἀφανίζεσθαι
 τὸ πολὺ τοῦ Εὐφράτου καὶ τελευτᾶν τὸν ποταμὸν
 τοῦτον ἐν τῇ γῇ. λόγου δὲ ἔνιοι θρασυτέρου
 ἐφάπτονται, φάσκοντες αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τῇ γῇ ρέοντα
 ἐς Αἴγυπτον ἀναφαίνεσθαι καὶ Νεῖλῷ συγκεράν-
 νυσθαι. ἀκριβολογίας μὲν δὴ ἔνεκα καὶ τοῦ
 μηδὲν παραλελεῖφθαί μοι τῶν γεγραμμένων ὑπὸ
 τοῦ Δάμιδος ἐβουλόμην ἀν καὶ τὰ διὰ τῶν
 βαρβάρων τούτων πορευομένοις σπουδασθέντα
 εἰπεῖν, ξυνελαύνει δὲ ἡμᾶς ὁ λόγος ἐς τὰ μείζω τε
 καὶ θαυμασιώτερα, οὐ μὴν ώς δυοῖν γε ἀμελῆσαι
 τούτοιν, τῆς τε ἀνδρείας, ἥ χρώμενος ὁ Ἀπολλώ-
 νιος διεπορεύθη βάρβαρα ἔθνη καὶ ληστρικά, οὐδὲ
 ὑπὸ Ῥωμαίοις πω ὄντα, τῆς τε σοφίας, ἥ τὸν
 Ἀράβιον τρόπον ἐς ξύνεσιν τῆς τῶν ζῴων φωνῆς
 ἥλθεν. ἔμαθε δὲ τοῦτο διὰ τουτωνὶ τῶν Ἀραβίων
 πορευόμενος ἄριστα γιγνωσκόντων τε αὐτὸ καὶ
 πραττόντων. ἔστι γὰρ τῶν Ἀραβίων ἥδη κοινὸν
 καὶ τῶν ὅρνιθων ἀκούειν μαντευομένων, ὅπόσα οἱ
 χρησμοί, ξυμβάλλονται δὲ τῶν ἀλόγων σιτού-
 μενοι τῶν δρακόντων οἱ μὲν καρδίαν φασίν, οἱ δὲ
 ἥπαρ.

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are the Armenian and the Arab. These races are so CHAP.
shut in by the rivers that most of them, who lead the ^{XX}
life of nomads, are so convinced that they are
islanders, as to say that they are going down to the
sea, when they are merely on their way to the rivers,
and think that these rivers border the earth and en-
circle it. For they curve round the continental tract in
question, and discharge their waters into the same
sea. But there are people who say that the greater
part of the Euphrates is lost in a marsh, and that
this river ends in the earth. But some have a bolder
tale to which they adhere, and declare that it runs
under the earth to turn up in Egypt and mingle
itself with the Nile. Well, for the sake of accuracy
and truth, and in order to leave out nothing of the
things that Damis wrote, I should have liked to
relate all the incidents that occurred on their journy
through these barbarous regions ; but my subject
hurries me on to greater and more remarkable
episodes. Nevertheless, I must perforce dwell upon
two topics : on the courage which Apollonius showed,
in making a journey through races of barbarians and
robbers, which were not at that time as yet subject
to the Romans, and at the cleverness with which
after the manner of the Arabs he managed to under-
stand the language of animals. For he learnt this
on his way through these Arab tribes who best
understand it and practise it. For it is quite com-
mon for the Arabians to listen to the birds prophesy-
ing like any oracles, but they acquire this faculty of
understanding them by feeding themselves, so they
say, either on the heart or the liver of serpents.

Apollonius
learns from
Arabs the
language
of birds

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XXI

CAP.
XXI Κτησιφῶντα δὲ ὑπερβαλῶν καὶ παριὼν ἐς τὰ

Βαβυλῶνος ὅρια, φρουρὰ μὲν αὐτόθι ἦν ἐκ βασιλέως,
ἥν οὐκ ἀν παρῆλθέ τις μὴ οὐκ ἐρωτηθεὶς ἔαυτόν τε
καὶ πόλιν καὶ ἐφ' ὅ τι ἥκοι. σατράπης δὲ τῇ φρουρᾷ
ταύτῃ ἐπετέτακτο, βασιλέως τις, οἰμαι, ὁφθαλμός,
ὅ γὰρ Μῆδος ἄρτι ἐς τὸ ἄρχειν ἥκων οὐκέτι εἶναι
ἔαυτῷ ἀδεῶς ζῆν, ἀλλὰ δύντα τε καὶ οὐκ δύντα δεδιώς
ἐς φόβους κατεπεπτώκει καὶ πτοίας. ἄγονται
τοίνυν παρὰ τὸν σατράπην Ἀπολλώνιός τε καὶ οἱ
ἀμφ' αὐτόν, ὁ δὲ ἔτυχε μὲν σκηνὴν ἐφ' ἀρμαμάξης
πεποιημένος καὶ ἔξελαύνων ποι, ἵδων δὲ ἄνδρα
αὐχμοῦ πλέων ἀνέκραγέ τε ὕσπερ τὰ δειλὰ τῶν
γυναιών καὶ ξυνεκαλύψατο, μόγις τε ἀναβλέψας
ἐς αὐτόν· “πόθεν ἡμῖν ἐπιπεμφθεὶς ἥκεις;” οἶνον
δαίμονα ἤρωτα. ὁ δὲ “ὑπ’ ἐμαυτοῦ,” ἔφη, “εἴ πη
καὶ ἄκοντες ἄνδρες γένοισθε.” πάλιν ἤρετο, δστις
δῶν ἐσφοιτᾷ τὴν βασιλέως χώραν, ὁ δὲ “ἐμή,” ἔφη,
“πᾶσα ἡ γῆ καὶ ἀνεῖται μοι δι' αὐτῆς πορεύεσθαι,”
τοῦ δὲ “βασανιῶ σε,” εἰπόντος “εἰ μὴ λέγοις,”
“εἰ γὰρ ταῖς σαντοῦ χερσίν,” εἰπεν, “ώς αὐτὸς
βασανισθείης, θιγὼν ἀνδρός.” ἐκπλαγεὶς δὲ αὐτὸν
ὁ εὔνοῦχος, ἐπεὶ μηδὲ ἐρμηνέως ἐώρα δεόμενον,
ἀλλ' ὑπολαμβάνοντα τὴν φωνὴν ἀλύπως τε καὶ

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XXI

HE left Ctesiphon behind, and passed on to the borders of Babylon ; and here was a frontier garrison belonging to the king, which one could not pass by without being questioned who one was, and as to one's city, and one's reasons for coming there. And there was a satrap in command of this post, a sort of "Eye of the King," I imagine ; for the Mede had just acceded to the throne, and instead of being content to live in security, he worried himself about things real and imaginary and fell into fits of fear and panic. Apollonius then and his party were brought before this satrap, who had just set up the awning on his wagon and was driving out to go somewhere else. When he saw a man so dried up and parched, he began to bawl out like a cowardly woman and hid his face, and could hardly be induced to look up at him. "Whence do you come to us," he said, "and who sent you ?" as if he was asking questions of a spirit. And Apollonius replied : "I have sent myself, to see whether I can make men of you, whether you like it or not." He asked a second time who he was to come trespassing like that into the king's country, and Apollonius said : "All the earth is mine, and I have a right to go all over it and through it." Whereupon the other said : "I will torture you, if you don't answer my questions." "And I hope," said the other, "that you will do it with your own hands, so that you may catch it well, if you touch a true man." Now the eunuch was astonished to find that Apollonius needed no interpreter, but understood what he said without the least trouble or difficulty.

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CAP. εύκόλως “πρὸς θεῶν,” εἰπε, “τίς εἰ;” λιπαρῶν
XXI ἥδη καὶ μεταβαλὼν τοῦ τόνου. ὑπολαβὼν δὲ ὁ
Ἀπολλώνιος “ἐπειδὴ μετρίως,” ἔφη, “ταῦτα καὶ
οὐκ ἀπανθρώπως ἥρου, ἄκουε, ὅς εἰμι· εἰμὶ μὲν ὁ
Τυανεὺς Ἀπολλώνιος, ἡ δὲ ὁδὸς παρὰ τὸν Ἰνδῶν
βασιλέα καθ’ ἴστορίαν τῶν ἐκεῖ, βουλοίμην δ’ ἀν
καὶ τῷ σῷ βασιλεῖ ἐντυχεῖν· φασὶ γάρ αὐτὸν οἱ
ξυγγεγονότες οὐ τῶν φαύλων εἶναι, εἴ δὴ Οὐαρ-
δάνης οὗτος, ὁ τὴν ἀρχὴν ἀπολωλυίαν ποτ’ αὐτῷ
νῦν ἀνακεκτημένος.” “ἐκεῖνος,” ἔφη, “θεῖε Ἀπολ-
λώνιε· πάλαι γάρ σε ἡκούομεν. σοφῷ δὲ ἀνδρὶ καν
αὐτοῦ παραχωρήσειε τοῦ χρυσοῦ θρόνου, καὶ πέμ-
ποι δ’ ἀν ὑμᾶς ἐς Ἰνδοὺς ἐπὶ καμήλου ἔκαστον. ἐγὼ
δὲ καὶ ξένον ἐμαυτοῦ ποιοῦμαί σε καὶ δίδωμι σοι
τούτων τῶν χρημάτων, “ἄμα θησαυρὸν χρυσοῦ
δείξας “όπόσα βούλει δράττεσθαι, καὶ μὴ ἐς
ἄπαξ, ἀλλὰ δεκάκις.” παραιτησαμένου δὲ αὐτοῦ
τὰ χρήματα “σὺ δ’ ἀλλὰ οἴνου,” ἔφη, “Βαβυ-
λωνίου, προπίνει δὲ αὐτοῦ βασιλεὺς δέκα ἡμῖν
σατράπαις, ἀμφορέα ἔχε, συῶν τε καὶ δορκάδων
τεμάχη ὀπτά, ἄλευρά τε καὶ ἄρτους καὶ ὅ τι
ἐθέλεις. ἡ γάρ μετὰ ταῦτα ὁδὸς ἐπὶ πολλὰ
στάδια κῶμαί εἰσιν οὐ πάνυ εὔσιτοι.” καὶ
λαβόμενος ἑαυτοῦ ὁ εὐνοῦχος, “οἴον,” ἔφη, “ὦ
θεοί, ἐπαθον ἀκούων γάρ τὸν ἄνδρα μήτ’ ἀπὸ
ζώων σιτεῖσθαι μήτε οἴνου πίνειν, παχέως αὐτὸν
καὶ ἀμαθῶς ἐστιώ.” “ἀλλ’ ἔστι σοι,” ἔφη, “καὶ

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“By the gods,” he said, “who are you?” this time CHAP.
altering his tone to a whine of entreaty. And XXI
Apollonius replied: “Since you have asked me civilly
this time and not so rudely as before, listen, I will
tell you who I am: I am Apollonius of Tyana, and
my road leads me to the king of India, because I
want to acquaint myself with the country there;
and I shall be glad to meet your king, for those
who have associated with him say that he is no bad
fellow, and certainly he is not, if he is this Vardan
who has lately recovered the empire which he had
lost.” “He is the same,” replied the other, “O
divine Apollonius; for we have heard of you a long
time ago, and in favour of so wise a man as you he
would I am sure, step down off his golden throne and
send your party to India, each of you mounted on a
camel. And I myself now invite you to be my
guest, and I beg to present you with these
treasures.” And at the moment he pointed out a
store of gold to him saying: “Take as many handfuls
as you like, fill your hands, not once, but ten times.”
And when Apollonius refused the money he said:
“Well, at any rate you will take some of the Babylonian wine, in which the king pledges us, his ten
satraps. Take a jar of it, with some roast steaks
of bacon and venison and some meal and bread and
anything else you like. For the road after this,
for many stades, leads through villages which are ill-stocked with provision.” And here the eunuch
caught himself up and said: “Oh! ye gods, what
have I done? For I have heard that this man
never eats the flesh of animals, nor drinks wine,
and here I am inviting him to dine in a gross and
ignorant manner.” “Well,” said Apollonius, “you

Apollonius'
vegetarian-
ism

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CAP.
XXI λεπτῶς με ἔστιάν, ἦν ἄρτους τε δῷς καὶ τραγή-
ματα.” “δώσω,” ἔφη, “ζυμίτας τε ἄρτους καὶ
φοίνικος βαλάνους ἡλεκτρώδεις τε καὶ μεγάλας.
δώσω καὶ λάχανα, ὅπόσα ὁ Τίγρις κηπεύει.”
“ἄλλ’ ἥδιώ,” εἶπεν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, “τὰ ἄγρια
καὶ αὐτόματα λάχανα τῶν ἡναγκασμένων καὶ
τεχνητῶν.” “ἥδιώ μέν,” ἔφη ὁ σατράπης, “ἡ
χώρα δὲ ἡμῖν ἡ ἐπὶ Βαβυλῶνος ἀψινθίου πλήρης
οὖσα ἀηδῆ αὐτὰ φύει καὶ πικρά.” πλὴν ἀλλὰ
τοῦ σατράπου γε ἀπεδέξατο, καὶ ἀπιὼν ἥδη “ὦ
λῶστε,” ἔφη, “μὴ λῆγε μόνον καλῶς, ἀλλὰ καὶ
ἄρχου,” νουθετῶν που αὐτὸν ἐπὶ τῷ “βασανιώ
σε,” καὶ οἱς ἐν ἀρχῇ βαρβαρίζοντος ἥκουσε.

XXII

CAP.
XXII Προελθόντες δὲ εἴκοσι στάδια λεαίνη ἐντυγχά-
νουσιν ἀπεσφαγμένη ἐν θήρᾳ, καὶ ἦν τὸ θηρίον
μέγα καὶ ὅσον οὕπω εἶδον, ἐβώων τε οἱ ἐκ τῆς
κώμης συνερρυηκότες, καί, νὴ Δί', οἱ τεθηρακότες,
ὅς τι μέγα θαῦμα ἐν αὐτῷ ὄρωντες· καὶ ἦν ἀτεχ-
νῶς θαῦμα· σκύμνους γὰρ ἀνατμηθεῖσα ὀκτὼ
εἶχεν. ὁ δὲ τῆς λεαίνης τόκος, αἱ λέαιναι μηνῶν
μὲν κυίσκουσιν ἔξ, τρὶς δὲ ἀποτίκτουσιν, ἀριθμὸς
δὲ τῶν σκύμνων παρὰ μὲν τὴν πρώτην τρεῖς, ἐπὶ

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can offer me a lighter repast and give me bread and CHAP.
dried fruits." "I will give you," said the other,^{XXI}
"leavened bread and palm dates, like amber and of
good size. And I will also supply you with
vegetables, the best which the gardens of the Tigris
afford." "Well," said Apollonius, "the wild herbs
which grow free are nicer than those which are
forced and artificial." "They are nicer," said the
satrap, "I admit, but our land in the direction of
Babylon is full of wormwood so that the herbs
which grow in it are disagreeably bitter." In the
end Apollonius accepted the satrap's offer, and as he
was on the point of going away, he said : "My
excellent fellow, don't keep your good manners to
the end another time, but begin with them." This
by way of rebuking him for saying that he would
torture him, and for the barbaric language which
he had heard to begin with.

XXII

AFTER they had advanced twenty stades they CHAP.
chanced upon a lioness that had been slain in a chase;^{XXII}
and the brute was bigger than any they had ever seen ; and the villagers rushed up and cried out, and to tell the truth, so did the huntsmen, when they saw what an extraordinary thing lay before them. And it really was a marvel ; for when it was cut asunder they found eight whelps within it. And the lioness becomes a mother in this way. They carry their young for six months, but they bring forth young only three times ; and the number of the whelps at the first birth is three and at the second

The portent
of the slain
lioness

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CAP. δὲ τῆς δευτέρας δύο, τρίτου δὲ ἀπτομένη τόκου
XXII μονήρη σκύμνον ἀποτίκτει μέγαν, οἷμαι, καὶ
ἀγριώτερον τῆς φύσεως. οὐ γὰρ προσεκτέα τοῖς
λέγουσιν, ώς ξήναντες οἱ σκύμνοι τὰς τῶν λεαι-
νῶν μήτρας ἐκδέδονται τοῦ σπλάγχνου. δοκεῖ
γὰρ τῇ φύσει τῷ τικτομένῳ πρὸς τὸ τίκτον ἐπιτή-
δεια εἶναι ὑπὲρ σωτηρίας τοῦ γένους. ἐνιδὼν οὖν
ὅ Ἀπολλώνιος τῷ θηρίῳ καὶ πολὺν χρόνον ἐπι-
σχὼν “ὦ Δάμι,” ἔφη, “ὦ χρόνος τῆς παρὰ βασιλέα
ἀποδημίας ἐνιαυτοῦ ἔσται καὶ μηνῶν ὁκτώ, οὔτε
γὰρ ἐκεῖνος ἀνήσει θᾶττον, οὔτε ἡμῖν λῶν ἀπελ-
θεῖν πρὸ τούτου. τεκμαίρεσθαι δὲ χρὴ τῶν μὲν
σκύμνων ἐσ μῆνας, τῆς λεαίνης δὲ ἐσ ἐνιαυτόν, τέ-
λεια γὰρ τελείοις παραβλητέα.” “οἱ δὲ δὴ στρου-
θοί,” ἔφη ὁ Δάμις, “οἱ παρὰ τῷ Ὁμήρῳ τί φήσου-
σιν, οὓς ὁ δράκων μὲν ἐν τῇ Αὐλίδι ἐδαίσατο ὁκτὼ
δύντας, ἐννάτην ἐπ’ αὐτοῖς τὴν μητέρα ἐλών; Κάλχας
δ’ ἐξηγούμενος ταῦτα ἐννέα ἐνιαυτοῖς ἀνείπε κατα-
πολεμήσεσθαι τὴν Τροίαν καὶ ὅρα μὴ καθ’
“Ομηρόν τε καὶ Κάλχαντα ἐσ ἐννέα ἡμῖν ἔτη ἡ
ἀποδημία τείνῃ.” “καὶ εἰκότως,” ἔφη, “ὦ Δάμι,
καὶ τοὺς νεοττοὺς Ὅμηρος ἐνιαυτοῖς εἰκάζει, γεγό-
νασι γὰρ ἥδη καὶ εἰσιν, ἐγὼ δὲ ἀτελῆ θηρία καὶ
μήπω γεγονότα, ἵσως δὲ μηδὲ ἀν γενόμενα, πῶς ἀν
ἐνιαυτοῖς εἰκάζοιμι; τὰ γὰρ παρὰ φύσιν οὕτ’ ἀν
γένοιτο, ταχεῖάν τε ἵσχει διαφθοράν, καν γένηται.
ἄλλ’ ἔπου δὴ τῷ λόγῳ, καὶ ἰωμεν εὐξόμενοι τοῖς
θεοῖς οἱ ταῦτα φαίνουσι.”

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two, and if the mother makes a third attempt, it bears only a single whelp, but I believe a very big one and preternaturally fierce. For we must not believe those who say that the whelps of a lioness make their way out into the world by clawing through their mother's womb; for nature seems to have created the relationship of offspring to mother for their nourishment with a view to the continuance of the race. Apollonius then eyed the animal for a long time, with attention, and then he said: "O Damis, the length of our stay with the king will be a year and eight months; for neither will he let us go sooner than that, nor will it be to our advantage to quit him earlier. And you may guess the number of the months from that of the whelps, and that of the years from the lioness; for you must compare wholes with wholes." And Damis replied: "But what of the sparrows in Homer, what do they mean, the ones which the dragon devoured in Aulis, which were eight in number, when he seized their mother for a ninth? Calchas surely explained these to signify nine years and predicted that the war with Troy would last so long; so take care that Homer may not be right and Calchas, too, and that our stay may not extend to nine years abroad." "Well," replied Apollonius, "Homer was surely quite right in comparing the nestlings to years, for they are already hatched out and in the world; but what I had in mind were incomplete animals that were not yet born, and perhaps never would have been born: how could I compare them to years? For things that violate nature can hardly come to be; and they anyhow quickly pass to destruction, even if they do come into existence. So follow my arguments, and let us go and pray to the gods who reveal thus much to us."

XXIII

CAP. Προελθόντι δὲ αὐτῷ ἐς τὴν Κισσίαν χώραν καὶ
XXIII πρὸς Βαβυλῶνι ἥδη ὄντι, δόξα ἐνυπνίου ἐφοίτησεν
 ὡδε τῷ φήμαντι θεῷ ξυντεθεῖσα· ἵχθυς ἐκπεπτω-
 κότες τῆς θαλάττης ἐν τῇ γῇ ἡσπαιρον, θρῆνον
 ἀνθρώπων ἴέντες καὶ ὀλοφυρόμενοι τὸ ἐκβεβη-
 κέναι τοῦ ἥθους, δελφῖνά τε τῇ γῇ παρανέοντα
 ἵκέτευον ἀμῦναί σφισιν ἐλεεινὸν ὄντες, ὥσπερ τῶν
 ἀνθρώπων οἱ ἐν τῇ ξένῃ κλαίοντες. ἐκπλαγεὶς δὲ
 οὐδὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ ἐνυπνίου, ξυμβάλλεται μὲν αὐτοῦ
 ὅπως καὶ ὅπῃ εἰχε, διαταράττειν δὲ βουλόμενος
 τὸν Δάμιν, καὶ γὰρ τῶν εὐλαβεστέρων αὐτὸν ἐγί-
 γνωσκεν, ἀπαγγέλλει πρὸς αὐτὸν τὴν ὅψιν, δέος
 πλασάμενος ὡς ἐπὶ πουηροῖς, οἷς εἰδεν· ὁ δὲ ἀνε-
 βόησέ τε ὡς αὐτὸς ἴδων ταῦτα, καὶ ἀπῆγε τὸν
 Ἀπολλώνιον τοῦ πρόσω “μή πη,” ἔφη, “καὶ
 ἡμεῖς ὥσπερ ἵχθυς ἐκπεσόντες τῶν ἥθῶν ἀπολώ-
 μεθα, καὶ πολλὰ ἐλεεινὰ ἐν τῇ ἀλλοδαπῇ εἴπωμεν,
 καί που καὶ ἐς ἀμήχανον ἐμπεσόντες ἵκετεύσωμεν
 δυνάστην τινὰ ἡ βασιλέα, ὁ δὲ ἡμᾶς ἀτιμάσῃ,
 καθάπερ τοὺς ἵχθυς οἱ δελφῖνες.” γελάσας δὲ ὁ
 Ἀπολλώνιος “σὺ μὲν οὕπω φιλοσοφεῖς,” εἶπεν,
 “εἰ δέδιας ταῦτα, ἐγὼ δὲ οἰ τὸ ἐνύπνιον τείνει δη-
 λώσω· Ἐρετριεῖς γὰρ τὴν Κισσίαν ταύτην χώραν
 οἴκοῦσιν οἱ ἔξ Εύβοίας ποτὲ Δαρείῳ ἀναχθέντες
 ἔτη ταῦτα πεντακόσια, καὶ λέγονται, ὥσπερ ἡ
 ὅψις ἐφάνη, ἵχθύων πάθει περὶ τὴν ἄλωσιν χρή-
 σασθαι· σαγηνευθῆναι γὰρ δὴ καὶ ἀλῶναι πάντας.

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XXIII

AND as he advanced into the Cessian country and was already close to Babylon, he was visited by a dream, and the god who revealed it to him fashioned its imagery as follows : there were fishes which had been cast up from the sea on to the land, and they were gasping, and uttering a lament almost human, and bewailing that they had quitted their element ; and they were begging a dolphin that was swimming past the shore to help them in their misery, just like human beings who are weeping in a foreign land. Apollonius was not in the least frightened by his dream, but set himself to conjecture its meaning and drift ; but he was determined to give Damis a shock, for he found that he was the most nervous of men. So he related his vision to him, and feigned as if it foreboded evil. But Damis began to bellow as if he had seen the dream himself, and tried to dissuade Apollonius from going any further, "Lest," he said, "we also like the fishes get thrown out of our element and perish, and have to weep and wail in a foreign land. Nay, we may even be reduced to straits, and have to go down on our knees to some potentate or king, who will flout us as the dolphins did the fishes." Then Apollonius laughed and said : " You've not become a philosopher yet, if you are afraid of this sort of thing. But I will explain to you the real drift of the dream. For this land of Cissia is habited by the Eretrians, who were brought up here from Euboea by Darius five hundred years ago, and they are said to have been treated at their capture like the fishes that we saw in the dream ; for they were netted in, so they say, and captured one

CHAP.
XXIII
His dream
about the
captive
Eretrians

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CAP. έοίκασιν ούν οἱ θεοὶ κελεύειν με ἐς αὐτοὺς παρελ-
XXIII; θόντα ἐπιμεληθῆναι σφῶν, εἴ τι δυναίμην. ἵσως
δὲ καὶ αἱ ψυχαὶ τῶν Ἑλλήνων, οἵπερ ἔλαχον τὴν
ἐνταῦθα μοῖραν, ἐπάγονται με ἐπ' ὀφελείᾳ τῆς
γῆς· ἵωμεν οὖν ἔξαλλάξαντες τῆς ὄδου περὶ μόνου
ἔρωτῶντες τοῦ φρέατος, πρὸς φῶνούσι.” λέγεται
δὲ τοῦτο κεκρᾶσθαι μὲν ἀσφάλτου καὶ ἐλαίου καὶ
ῦδατος, ἐκχέαντος δὲ τοῦ ἀνιμήσαντος ἀποχωρεῖν
ταῦτα καὶ ἀπ' ἀλλήλων κρίνεσθαι. παρελθεῖν
μὲν δὴ ἐς τὴν Κισσίαν καὶ αὐτὸς ὡμολόγηκεν ἐν
οἷς πρὸς τὸν Κλαζομένιον σοφιστὴν γράφει,
χρηστὸς γὰρ οὗτῳ τι καὶ φιλότιμος ἦν, ὡς ἐπειδὴ
Ἐρετριέας εἶδε, σοφιστοῦ τε ἀναμνησθῆναι καὶ
γράψαι πρὸς αὐτὸν ἂ τε εἰδεν ἂ τε ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν
ἐπραξεν· καὶ παρακελεύεται οἱ παρὰ τὴν ἐπι-
στολὴν πᾶσαν ἐλεεῖν τοὺς Ἐρετριέας, καὶ ὅπότε
μελετώῃ τὸν περὶ αὐτῶν λόγον, μηδὲ τὸ κλάειν ἐπ'
αὐτοῖς παραιτεῖσθαι.

XXIV

CAP. Ξυνῳδὰ δὲ τούτοις καὶ ὁ Δάμις περὶ τῶν Ἐρε-
XXIV τριέων ἀναγέγραφεν οἰκοῦσι γὰρ ἐν τῇ Μηδικῇ,
Βαβυλώνος οὐ πολὺ ἀπέχοντες ἡμέρας ὄδον
δρομικῷ ἀνδρί, ἡ χώρα δὲ ἀπολιτική, ἡ γὰρ Κισσία
κῶμαι πᾶσα, καὶ τι καὶ νομάδων ἐν αὐτῇ γένος
μικρὰ τῶν ἵππων ἀποβαίνοντες. ἡ δὲ τῶν Ἐρε-
τριέων οἰκεῖται μὲν τῶν ἄλλων μέση, περι-
βέβληται δὲ ποταμοῦ τάφρου, ἦν αὐτοὶ βαλ-

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and all. It would seem then that the gods are instructing me to visit them and tend their needs, supposing I can do anything for them. And perhaps also the souls of the Greeks whose lot was cast in this part of the world are enlisting my aid for their land. Let us then go on and diverge from the high-road, and ask only about the well, hard by which their settlement is." Now this well is said to consist of a mixture of pitch and oil and water, and if you draw up a bucket and pour it out, these three elements divide and part themselves from one another. That he really did visit Cissia, he himself acknowledges in a letter which he wrote to the sophist of Clazomenae; for he was so kind and munificent, that when he saw the Eretrians, he remembered the sophist and wrote to him an account of what he had seen, and of what he had done for them; and all through this letter he urges the sophist to take pity on the Eretrians and prays him, in case ever he should compose a discourse about them, not to deprecate even the shedding of tears over their fate.

Letter
to the
Sophist of
Clazomenae
Scopelianus
about them

XXIV

AND the record which Damis has left about the Eretrians is in harmony with this. For they live in the country of the Medes, not far distant from Babylon, a day's journey for a fleet traveller; but their country is without cities; for the whole of Cissia consists of villages, except for a race of nomads that also inhabits it, men who seldom dismount from their horses. And the settlement of the Eretrians is in the centre of the rest, and the river is carried

CHAP.
XXIV
The story
of Datis
and the
Eretrians
carried
captive
to Media

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. έσθαι περὶ τῇ κώμῃ λέγονται, τεῦχος αὐτὴν ποιού-
XXIV μενοι πρὸς τοὺς ἐν τῇ Κισσίᾳ βαρβάρους. ὑπομ-
βρος δὲ ἀσφάλτῳ ἡ χώρα καὶ πικρὰ ἐμφυτεῦσαι,
βραχυβιώτατοί τε οἱ ἔκεινη ἄνθρωποι, τὸ γάρ
ἀσφαλτῶδες ποτὸν ἐς πολλὰ τῶν σπλάγχνων
ἰξάνει. τρέφει δ' αὐτοὺς λόφος ἐν ὁρίοις τῆς κώμης,
ὅν ὑπεραίροντα τοῦ παρεφθορότος χωρίου σπεί-
ρουσι τε καὶ ἡγοῦνται γῆν. φασὶ δὲ ἀκοῦσαι τῶν
ἐγχωρίων, ὡς ἐπτακόσιοι μὲν τῶν Ἐρετριέων πρὸς
τοῖς ὄγδοήκοντα ἥλωσαν, οὕτι που μάχεμοι
πάντες, ἦν γάρ τι καὶ θῆλυ ἐν αὐτοῖς γένος καὶ
γεγηρακός, ἦν δ', οἷμαί, τι καὶ παιδία, τὸ γάρ πολὺ¹
τῆς Ἐρετρίας τὸν Καφηρέα ἀνέφυγε καὶ ὅ τι ἀκρό-
τατον τῆς Εὐβοίας. ἀνήχθησαν δὲ ἄνδρες μὲν
ἀμφὶ τοὺς τετρακοσίους, γύναια δὲ ἵσως δέκα, οἱ δὲ
λοιποὶ ἀπ' Ἰωνίας τε καὶ Λυδίας ἀρξάμενοι διεφθά-
ρησαν ἐλαυνόμενοι ἄνω. λιθοτομίαν δὲ αὐτοῖς παρε-
χομένου τοῦ λόφου, καὶ τινες καὶ λιθουργοὺς εἰδότες
τέχνας, ἱερά τε ἐδείμαντο Ἑλληνικὰ καὶ ἀγοράν,
ὄπόσην εἰκὸς ἦν, βωμούς τε ἰδρύσαντο Δαρείῳ μὲν
δύο, Ξέρξῃ δὲ ἔνα, Δαριδαίῳ δὲ πλείους. διετέλεσαν
δὲ ἐς Δαριδαίον ἔτη μετὰ τὴν ἄλωσιν ὀκτὼ καὶ
ὄγδοήκοντα γράφοντες τὸν Ἑλλήνων τρόπον, καὶ
οἱ τάφοι δὲ οἱ ἀρχαῖοι σφῶν “ ὁ δεῖνα τοῦ δεῖνος ”
γεγράφαται, καὶ τὰ γράμματα Ἑλλήνων μέν, ἀλλ’
οὕπω ταῦτα ἰδεῖν φασι. καὶ ναῦς ἐγκεχαραγ-

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round it in a trench, for they say that they themselves diverted it round the village in order to form a rampart of defence against the barbarians of the country. But the soil is drenched with pitch, and is bitter to plant in; and the inhabitants are very short lived, because the pitch in the water forms a sediment in most of their bowels. And they get their sustenance off a bit of rising ground on the confines of the village, where the ground rises above the tainted country; on this they sow their crops and regard it as their land. And they say that they have heard from the natives that 780 of the Eretrians were captured, not of course all of them fighting men; for there was a certain number of women and old men among them; and there was, I imagine, a certain number of children too, for the greater portion of the population of Eretria had fled to Caphereus and to the furthest extremes of Euboea. But anyhow the men who were brought up numbered about 400, and there were ten women perhaps; but the rest, who had started from Ionia and Lydia, perished as they were driven up. And they managed to open a quarry on the hill; and as some of them understood the art of cutting stone, they built temples in the Greek style and a market-place large enough for their purpose; and they dedicated various altars, two to Darius, and one to Xerxes, and several to Daridaeus. But up to the time of Daridaeus, 88 years after their capture, they continued to write in the manner of the Greeks, and what is more, their ancient graves are inscribed with the legend: "So and so, the son of so and so." And though the letters are Greek, they said that they never yet had made them out. And there were ships engraved on

Apollonius
restores
their graves

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. μένας τοῖς τάφοις, ὡς ἔκαστος ἐν Εύβοίᾳ ἔζη
XXIV πορθμεύων ἢ πορφυρέύων ἢ θαλάττιου ἢ καὶ ἀλ-
ουργὸν πράττων, καὶ τι καὶ ἐλεγεῖσον ἀναγυῶναι
γεγραμμένον ἐπὶ ναυτῶν τε καὶ ναυκλήρων σήματι.

Οἶδε ποτ' Αἰγαίοιο βαθύρροον οἶδμα πλέοντες
Ἐκβατάνων πεδίῳ κείμεθ' ἐνὶ μεσάτῳ.
χαῖρε κλυτή ποτε πατρὶς Ἐρέτρια, χαῖρετ'
Ἀθῆναι,
γείτονες Εύβοίης, χαῖρε θάλασσα φίλη.

Τοὺς μὲν δὴ τάφους διεφθορότας ἀναλαβεῖν τε
αὐτὸν ὁ Δάμις φησὶ καὶ ξυγκλεῖσαι, χέασθαι τε
καὶ ἐπενεγκεῖν σφισιν, ὅπόσα νόμιμα, πλὴν τοῦ
τεμεῖν τι ἡ καθαγίσαι, δακρύσαντά τε καὶ ὑπο-
πλησθέντα ὄρμῆς τάδε ἐν μέσοις ἀναφθέγξασθαι·
“Ἐρετριεῖς οἱ κλήρῳ τύχης δεῦρ’ ἀπενεχθέντες,
ὑμεῖς μέν, εἰ καὶ πόρρω τῆς αὐτῶν, τέθαφθε γοῦν,
οἱ δ’ ὑμᾶς ἐνταῦθα ρίψαντες ἀπώλοντο περὶ τὴν
ὑμετέραν υῆσον ἄταφοι δεκάτῳ μεθ' ὑμᾶς ἔτει· τὸ
γὰρ ἐν κοίλῃ Εύβοίᾳ πάθος θεοὶ φαίνουσιν.”
Ἀπολλώνιος δὲ πρὸς τὸν σοφιστὴν ἐπὶ τέλει τῆς
ἐπιστολῆς “καὶ ἐπεμελήθην,” φησίν, “ὦ Σκοπε-
λιανέ, τῶν σῶν Ἐρετριέων νέος ὅν ἔτι, καὶ
ώφέλησα ὅ τι ἐδυνάμην καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας αὐτῶν
καὶ τοὺς ζῶντας.” τί δῆτα ἐπεμελήθη τῶν ζώντων;
οἱ πρόσοικοι τῷ λόφῳ βάρβαροι σπειρόντων τῶν
Ἐρετριέων αὐτὸν ἐληίζοντο τὰ φυόμενα περὶ τὸ

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the tombstones, to show that the various individuals had lived in Euboea, and engaged either in seafaring trade, or in that of purple, as sailors or as dyers ; and they say that they read an Elegiac inscription written over the sepulchre of some sailors and seafarers, which ran thus :

Here we who once sailed over the deep-flowing
billows of the Aegean sea
Are lying in the midst of the plain of Ecbatana.
Farewell, once-famed fatherland of Eretria, farewell
Athens,
Ye neighbours of Euboea, farewell, thou darling sea.

Well, Damis says that Apollonius restored the tombs that had gone to ruin and closed them up, and that he poured out libations and made offerings to their inmates, all that religion demands, except that he did not slay or sacrifice any victim ; then after weeping and in an access of emotion, he delivered himself of the following apostrophe in their midst :

“ Ye Eretrians, who by the lot of fortune have been brought hither, ye, even if ye are far from your own land, have at least received burial ; but those who cast you hither perished unburied round the shores of your island ten years after yourselves ; for the gods brought about this calamity in the hollows of Euboea.”

And Apollonius at the end of his letter to the sophist writes as follows : “ I also attended, O Scopelianus, to your Eretrians, while I was still a young man ; and I gave what help I could both to their dead and their living.” What attention then did he show to their living ? This—the barbarians, in the neighbourhood of the hill, when the Eretrians

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CAP. θέρος ἡκουντες καὶ πεινῆν ἔδει γεωργοῦντας ἑτέροις.
XXIV ὅπότ' οὖν παρὰ βασιλέα ἀφίκετο, εὔρετο αὐτοῖς
τὸ χρῆσθαι μόνους τῷ λόφῳ.

XXV

CAP. Τὰ δὲ ἐν Βαβυλῶνι τοῦ ἀνδρὸς τούτου καὶ
XXV ὅπόσα Βαβυλώνος πέρι προσήκει γιγνώσκειν,
τοιάδε εὐρον· ἡ Βαβυλὼν τετείχισται μὲν ὄγδοή-
κοντα καὶ τετρακόσια στάδια, τοσαύτη κύκλῳ,
τεῦχος δὲ αὐτῆς τρία μὲν τὸ ὑψος ἡμίπλεθρα,
πλέθρον δὲ μεῖον τὸ εὐρος, ποταμῷ δὲ Εὐφράτῃ
τέμνεται ξὺν ὁμοιότητι τοῦ εἴδους, διν ἀπόρρητος
ὑποστείχει γέφυρα, τὰ βασίλεια τὰ ἐπὶ ταῖς
ὅχθαις ἀφανῶς ξυνάπτουσα. γυνὴ γὰρ λέγεται
Μηδεία τῶν ἐκείνη ποτὲ ἄρχουσα τὸν ποταμὸν
ὑποζεῦξαι τρόπον, διν μήπω τις ποταμὸς ἐζεύχθη-
λίθους γὰρ δὴ καὶ χαλκὸν καὶ ἀσφαλτον καὶ
ὅπόσα ἐσ ἔφυδρον ξύνδεσιν ἀνθρώποις εὔρηται,
παρὰ τὰς ὅχθας τοῦ ποταμοῦ νήσασα τὸ ῥεῦμα ἐσ
λίμνας ἔτρεψε, ξηρόν τε ἥδη τὸν ποταμὸν ὠρυγεν
όργυιὰς ἐσ δύο σήραγγα ἐργαζομένη κοίλην, ἵν' ἐσ
τὰ βασίλεια τὰ παρὰ ταῖς ὅχθαις ὕσπερ ἐκ γῆς
ἀναφαίνοιτο, καὶ ἥρεψεν αὐτὴν ἵσως τῷ τοῦ
ῥεύματος δαπέδῳ. οἱ μὲν δὴ θεμέλιοι ἐβεβήκεσαν
καὶ οἱ τοῖχοι τῆς σήραγγος, ἄτε δὲ τῆς ἀσφάλτου
δεομένης τοῦ ὕδατος ἐσ τὸ λιθοῦσθαι τε καὶ
πήγυνυσθαι ὁ Εὐφράτης ἐπαφείθη ὑγρῷ τῷ ὁρόφῳ,

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sowed their seed upon it, would come in summer-
time and plunder their crops, so that they had CHAP.
to starve and see the fruits of their husbandry go
to others. When therefore he reached the king, he
took pains to secure for them the sole use of the
hill.

XXV

I FOUND the following to be an account of the sage's CHAP.
stay in Babylon, and of all we need to know about XXV
Babylon. The fortifications of Babylon extend 480 Stay in
stadia and form a complete circle, and its wall is Babylon
three half *plethrons* high, but less than a *plethron*¹ and account
of that city
in breadth. And it is cut asunder by the river
Euphrates, into halves of similar shape; and there
passes underneath the river an extraordinary bridge
which joins together by an unseen passage the palaces
on either bank. For it is said that a Median woman
was formerly queen of those parts, who spanned the
river underneath in a manner in which no river was
ever bridged before ; for she got stones, it is said, and
copper and pitch and all the materials which men
have found set under water, and she piled these
up along the banks of the river. Then she diverted
the stream into lakes ; and as soon as the river was
dry, she dug down two fathoms, and made a hollow
tunnel, which she caused to debouch into the palaces
on either bank like a subterranean grotto ; and she
roofed it on a level with the bed of the stream. The
foundations were thus made stable, and also the
walls of the tunnel ; but as the pitch required water
in order to set as hard as stone, the Euphrates was
let in again to flood the roof, and so the bridge

¹ A *plethron* was equal to 101 English feet.

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CAP. καὶ ὁδε ἔστη τὸ ζεῦγμα. τὰ δὲ βασίλεια χαλκῷ,
XXV μὲν ἥρεπται καὶ ἀπ' αὐτῶν ἀστράπτει, θάλαμοι
 δὲ καὶ ἀνδρῶνες καὶ στοαί, τὰ μὲν ἀργύρῳ, τὰ δὲ
 χρυσοῖς ὑφάσμασι, τὰ δὲ χρυσῷ αὐτῷ καθάπερ
 γραφαῖς ἡγλάΐσται, τὰ δὲ ποικίλματα τῶν πέπλων
 ἐκ τῶν Ἑλληνικῶν σφίσιν ἡκει λόγων, Ἀνδρομέδαι
 καὶ Ἀμυμῶναι καὶ Ὀρφεὺς πολλαχοῦ. χαίρουσι
 δὲ τῷ Ὀρφεῖ, τιάραν ἵσως καὶ ἀναξυρίδα τιμῶντες,
 οὐ γὰρ μουσικήν γε, οὐδὲ φύσιν, αἰς ἔθελγεν.
 ἐνύφανταί που καὶ ὁ Δάτις τὴν Νάξον ἐκ τῆς
 θαλάττης ἀνασπῶν, καὶ Ἀρταφέρνης περιεστηκώς
 τὴν Ἐρέτριαν, καὶ τῶν ἀμφὶ Ξέρξην, ἀ νικᾶν
 ἔφασκεν· Ἀθῆναι γὰρ δὴ ἔχόμεναι εἰσι καὶ Θερμο-
 πύλαι καὶ τὰ Μηδικώτερα ἔτι, ποταμοὶ ἔξαιρού-
 μενοι τῆς γῆς καὶ θαλάττης ζεῦγμα καὶ ὁ Ἀθως
 ὡς ἐτμήθη. φασὶ δὲ καὶ ἀνδρῶνι ἐντυχεῖν, οὐ τὸν
 ὄροφον ἐς θόλου ἀνήχθαι σχῆμα οὐρανῷ τινι
 εἰκασμένον, σαπφειρίνῃ δὲ αὐτὸν κατηρέφθαι λίθῳ
 —κυανωτάτῃ δὲ ἡ λίθος καὶ οὐρανία ἰδεῖν—καὶ
 θεῶν ἀγάλματα, οὓς νομίζουσιν, ἔδρυται ἄνω καὶ
 χρυσᾶ φαίνεται, καθάπερ, ἐξ αἰθέρος. δικάζει
 μὲν δὴ ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐνταῦθα, χρυσαῖ δὲ ἴνγγες
 ἀποκρέμανται τοῦ ὄροφου τέτταρες, τὴν Ἀδρά-
 στειαν αὐτῷ παρεγγυῶσαι καὶ τὸ μὴ ὑπὲρ τοὺς
 ἀνθρώπους αἴρεσθαι. ταύτας οἱ μάγοι αὐτοί
 φασιν ἀρμόττεσθαι, φοιτῶντες ἐς τὰ βασίλεια,
 καλοῦσι δὲ αὐτὰς θεῶν γλώττας.

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stood solid. And the palaces are roofed with bronze, CHAP.
and a glitter goes off from them ; but the chambers
of the women and of the men and the porticos are
adorned partly with silver, and partly with golden
tapestries or curtains, and partly with solid gold in
the form of pictures ; but the subjects embroidered

XXV

Greek
works of
art in
Babylon

on the stuffs are taken by them from Hellenic story,
Andromedas being represented, and Amumonae, and
you see Orpheus everywhere. And they delight in
Orpheus, perhaps out of regard for his peaked cap
and breeches, for it cannot be for his music or the
songs with which he charmed and soothed others.
And woven into the pattern you perceive Datis
drawing up Naxos out of the sea, and Artaphernes
beleaguering Eretria, and such battles of Xerxes as he
said he won. For a little further off, of course, there
is Athens and Thermopylae, and other pictures still
more to the Median taste, such as rivers drained from Juvenal x.
off the land and a bridge over the sea and the piercing
of Athos. But they say that they also visited a
man's apartment of which the roof had been carried
up in the form of a dome, to resemble in a manner
the heavens, and that it was roofed with sapphire,
a stone that is very blue and like heaven to the eye ;
and there were images of the gods, which they
worship, fixed aloft, and looking like golden figures
shining out of the ether. And it is here that the
king gives judgement, and golden wrynecks are hung
from the ceiling, four in number, to remind him of
Adrastea, the goddess of justice, and to engage him
not to exalt himself above humanity. These figures
the Magi themselves say they arranged ; for they
have access to the palace, and they call them the
tongues of the gods.

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XXVI

CAP.
XXVI Περὶ δὲ τῶν μάγων Ἀπολλώνιος μὲν τὸ ἀποχρῶν
εἴρηκε, συγγενέσθαι γὰρ αὐτοῖς καὶ τὰ μὲν μαθεῖν,
τὰ δὲ ἀπελθεῖν διδάξας, Δάμις δὲ τοὺς μὲν λόγους,
οἷοι ἐγένοντο τῷ ἀνδρὶ πρὸς τοὺς μάγους οὐκ οἶδεν,
ἀπαγορεύσαι γὰρ αὐτῷ μὴ συμφοιτᾶν παρ' αὐτοὺς
ἰόντι, λέγει δ' οὖν φοιτᾶν αὐτὸν τοῖς μάγοις
μεσημβρίας τε καὶ ἀμφὶ μέσας νύκτας, καὶ ἔρεσθαι
ποτε “τί οἱ μάγοι;” τὸν δὲ ἀποκρίνασθαι “σοφοὶ^{μέν}, ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα.”

XXVII

CAP.
XXVII Ταυτὶ μὲν ὕστερον. ἀφικομένῳ δὲ αὐτῷ ἐς
Βασυλῶνα ὁ σατράπης ὁ ἐπὶ τῶν μεγάλων
πυλῶν μαθὼν ὅτι ὑπὲρ ἴστορίας ἥκοι, ὀρέγει
χρυσῆν εἰκόνα τοῦ βασιλέως, ἦν εἰ μὴ προσκυ-
νήσειέ τις, οὐ θεμιτὸν ἦν ἐσφοιτᾶν ἔσω. πρεσ-
βεύοντι μὲν οὖν παρὰ τοῦ Ῥωμαίων ἄρχοντος
οὐδεμίᾳ ἀνάγκη τούτου, παρὰ βαρβάρων δὲ ἥκοντι
ἡ ἀφιστοροῦντι τὴν χώραν, εἰ μὴ τὴν εἰκόνα
προθεραπεύσειεν, ἄτιμον ἀπειλῆθαι· καὶ σατρα-
πεύεται παρὰ τοῖς βαρβάροις τὰ οὕτως εὐήθη.
ἐπεὶ τοίνυν τὴν εἰκόνα εἶδε “τίς,” ἔφη, “οὗτος;”
ἀκούσας δὲ ὅτι ὁ βασιλεύς “οὗτος,” εἶπεν, “δν
ὑμεῖς προσκυνεῖτε, εἰ ἐπαινεθείη ὑπ' ἐμοῦ καλὸς
κάγαθὸς δόξας μεγάλων τεύξεται” καὶ εἰπὼν



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XXVI

WITH respect to the Magi, Apollonius has said all CHAP.
that there is to be said, how he associated with them XXVI
and learned some things from them, and taught them others before he went away. But Damis is not
acquainted with the conversations which the sage
held with the Magi, for the latter forbade him to
accompany him in his visits to them; so he tells us
merely that he visited the Magi at mid-day and about
mid-night, and he says that he once asked his master:
“What of the Magi?” and the latter answered:
“They are wise men, but not in all respects.”

Apollonius interviews the Magi

XXVII

BUT of this later on. When then he arrived at CHAP.
Babylon, the satrap in command of the great gates XXVII
having learnt that he had come to see the country,
held out a golden image of the king, which everyone
must kiss before he is allowed to enter the city.
Now an ambassador coming from the Roman
Emperor has not this ceremony imposed upon him,
but anyone who comes from the barbarians or
just to look at the country, is arrested with dishonour
unless he has first paid his respects to this image.
Such are the silly duties committed to satraps among
barbarians. When therefore Apollonius saw the
image, he said: “Who is that?” And on being
told that it was the king, he said: “This king whom
you worship would acquire a great boon, if I merely
commended him as of an honourable and good re-
putation.” And with these words he passed through

He refuses to worship the king's image

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. **ταῦτα διὰ πυλῶν ἥει.** θαυμάσας δὲ ὁ σατράπης
XXVII αὐτὸν ἐπηκολούθησέ τε καὶ κατασχὼν τὴν χεῖρα
τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου δι' ἔρμηνέος ἥρετο διομά τε αὐτοῦ
καὶ οἰκους καὶ ὅ τι ἐπιτηδεύοι καὶ ἐφ' ὅ τι φοιτώῃ,
καὶ ἀπογραψάμενος ταῦτα ἐς γραμματεῖον στολήν
τε αὐτοῦ καὶ εἶδος ἐκείνον μὲν περιμεῖναι κελεύει,

XXVIII

CAP. **Δραμῶν δὲ αὐτὸς παρὰ τοὺς ἄνδρας, οἱ δὴ νομί-**
XXVIII **ζονται βασιλέως ὡτα, ἀνατυποὶ τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον,**
προειπών ὅτι μήτε προσκυνεῖν βούλεται μήτε τι
ἀνθρώπῳ ἔσικεν οἱ δὲ ἄγειν κελεύονται τιμῶντά τε
καὶ μηδὲν ὕβρει πράττοντα, ἐπεὶ δὲ ἥλθεν, ἥρετο
αὐτὸν ὁ πρεσβύτατος ὅ τι μαθὼν καταφρονήσειε
τοῦ βασιλέως, ὃ δὲ “οὕπω,” ἔφη, “κατεφρόνησα.”
“καταφρονήσειας δὲ ἄν;” πάλιν ἐρομένου, “νὴ
Δί,” εἶπεν, “ἥν γε ξυγγενόμενος μὴ καλόν τε καὶ
ἀγαθὸν εὔρω αὐτόν.” “ἀπάγεις δὲ δὴ τίνα αὐτῷ
δῶρα;” τοῦ δὲ αὖ τὴν τε ἀνδρείαν καὶ δικαιοσύνην
καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα φήσαντος “πότερον,” ἔφη, “ώς
οὐκ ἔχοντι;” “μὰ Δί,” εἶπεν, “ἄλλ’ ὡς μαθη-
σομένῳ χρῆσθαι, ἥν ἔχῃ αὐτάς,” “καὶ μὴν χρώμενος
τούτοις,” ἔφη, “τὴν τε βασιλείαν, ἥν ὄρᾶς, ἀπο-
λωλυῖαν αὐτῷ ἀνέλαβε, τόν τε οἰκους ἐπανήγαγε
τοῦτον, οὐκ ἀπόνως οὐδὲ ῥᾳθύμως.” “πόστον δὲ
δὴ τοῦτο ἔτος τῇ ἀνακτηθείσῃ ἀρχῇ;” “τρίτου,”
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the gate. But the satrap was astonished, and followed him, and taking hold of his hand, he asked him through an interpreter his name and his family and what was his profession and why he came thither ; and he wrote down the answers in a book and also a description of his dress and appearance, and ordered him to wait there.

CAP.
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XXVIII

BUT he himself ran off to the persons who are known as the "Ears of the King" and described Apollonius to them, after first telling them both that he refused to do homage and that he was not the least like other men. They bade him bring him along, and show him respect without using any violence ; and when he came the head of the department asked him what induced him to flout the king, and he answered : " I have not yet flouted him." " But would you flout him ? " was the next question. " Why, of course I will," said Apollonius, " if on making his acquaintance I find him to be neither honourable nor good." " Well, and what presents do you bring for him ? " Apollonius answered afresh that he brought courage and justice and so forth. " Do you mean," said the other, " to imply that the king lacks these qualities ? " " No, indeed," he answered, " but I would fain teach him to practise them, in case he possesses them." " And surely it was by practising these qualities," said the other, " that he has recovered the kingdom, which you behold, after he had lost it, and has restored his house,—no light task this nor easy." " And how many years is it since he recovered his kingdom ? "

CHAP.
XXVIII
His proud
bearing
towards
the great
king

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CAP.
XXVIII

ἔφη, “ἀρχόμεθα, δύο ἥδη που μῆνες.” ἀναστήσας οὖν, ὥσπερ εἰώθει, τὴν γυνώμην “ὦ σωματοφύλαξ,” εἶπεν, “ἢ ὅ τί σε προσήκει καλεῖν, Δαρεῖος ὁ Κύρου καὶ Ἀρταξέρξου πατὴρ τὰ βασίλεια ταῦτα κατασχὼν ἔξηκοντα, οἵμαι, ἔτη λέγεται τελευτὴν ὑποπτεύσας τοῦ βίου τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ θῦσαι, καὶ “ὦ δέσποινα,” εἶπεν, “ἢ τίς ποτε εἰν.” ὥσπερ ἐπιθυμήσας μὲν πάλαι τῆς δικαιοσύνης, οὕπω δὲ αὐτὴν γιγνώσκων, οὐδὲ δοκῶν κεκτῆσθαι, τὰ παῖδες τε οὔτως ἀμαθῶς ἐπαίδευσεν, ώς ὅπλα ἐπ’ ἀλλήλους ἄρασθαι, καὶ ὁ μὲν τρωθῆναι, ὁ δὲ ἀποθανεῖν ὑπὸ τοῦ ἑτέρου, σὺ δὲ ἥδη τοῦτον ἵσως οὐδὲ ἐν τῷ βασιλείῳ θρόνῳ καθῆσθαι εἰδότα ξυνειληφέναι ὁμοῦ πάσας ἀρετὰς βούλει καὶ ἐπαίρεις αὐτὸν σοὶ φέρων, οὐκ ἐμοί, κέρδος, εἰ βελτίων γένοιτο.”

Βλέψας οὖν ὁ βάρβαρος ἐς τὸν πλησίον “ἔρμαιον,” ἔφη, “θεῶν τις ἄγει τουτονὶ τὸν ἄνδρα ἐνταῦθα, ἀγαθὸς γάρ ξυγγενόμενος ἀγαθῷ πολλῷ βελτίω τὸν βασιλέα ἡμῖν ἀποφανεῖ καὶ σωφρονέστερον καὶ ἥδιο, ταυτὶ γάρ διαφαίνεται τοῦ ἀνδρός.” ἐσέθεον οὖν εὐαγγελιζόμενοι πᾶσιν, ὅτι ἀνὴρ ἐπὶ ταῖς βασιλέως θύραις ἐστήκοι σοφός τε καὶ “Ἐλλην καὶ ξύμβουλος ἀγαθός.

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"This is the third year since," answered the other, "which year began about two months ago." CHAP. XXVIII.
Apollonius, then as was his custom, upheld his opinion and went on : "O bodyguard, or whatever I ought to call you, Darius the father of Cyrus and of Artaxerxes was master of these palaces, I think, for 60 years, and he is said, when he felt that his end was near at hand, to have offered a sacrifice to Justice and to have addressed her thus : 'O lady mistress, or whosoever thou art.' This shows that he had long loved justice and desired her, but as yet knew her not, nor deemed that he had won her ; and he brought up his two sons so foolishly that they took up arms against one another, and one was wounded and the other killed by his fellow. Well, here is a king who perhaps does not know that he is firmly seated on the throne, and you would have me believe that he combines already all virtues, and you extol him, though, if he does turn out fairly good, it is you and not I that will gain thereby."

The barbarian then glanced at his neighbour and said : "Here is a windfall ! 'tis one of the gods who has brought this man here ; for as one good man associating with another improves him, so he will much improve our king, and render him more temperate and more gracious ; for these qualities are conspicuous in this man." They accordingly ran into the palace and told everybody the good news, that there stood at the king's gates a man who was wise and a Hellene, and a good counsellor.

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XXIX

CAP.
XXIX 'Επεὶ δὲ τῷ βασιλεῖ ἀνηγγέλη ταῦτα, ἔτυχε μὲν θύων παρόντων αὐτῷ τῶν μάγων, τὰς γὰρ ἵερὰ ὑπ' ἐκείνοις δρᾶται, καλέσας δὲ αὐτῶν ἔνα "ῆκει," ἔφη, "τὸ ἐνύπνιον, ὃ διηγούμην σοι τήμερον ἐπισκοπουμένῳ με εὖ τῇ εὐνῇ." ὅναρ δὲ ἄρα τῷ βασιλεῖ τοιοῦτον ἀφίκτο· ἐδόκει Ἀρταξέρξης εἶναι ὁ τοῦ Ξέρξου καὶ μεθεστηκέναι ἐς ἐκείνον τὸ εἶδος, περιδεῶς τε εἰχε, μὴ ἐς μεταβολὴν ἥδη τὰ πράγματα ἦκη αὐτῷ, ἐς τοῦτο ἐξηγουμένῳ τὴν μεταβολὴν τοῦ εἴδους. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἤκουσεν "Ἐλληνά τε καὶ σοφὸν εἶναι τὸν ἥκοντα, ἐσῆλθεν αὐτὸν Θεμιστοκλῆς ὁ Ἀθηναῖος, ὃς ἀπὸ Ἑλλήνων ποτὲ ἦκων ξυνεγένετο τῷ Ἀρταξέρξῃ καὶ πολλοῦ ἄξιον ἐκείνον τε ἐποίησεν ἑαυτόν τε παρέσχετο. καὶ προτείνας τὴν δεξιὰν "κάλει," ἔφη, "καὶ γὰρ ἀν καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ καλλίστου ἄρξαιτο ξυνθύσας τε καὶ ξυνευξάμενος."

XXX

CAP.
XXX Εἰσήγει μὲν δὴ παραπεμπόμενος ὑπὸ πλειόνων, τουτὶ γὰρ φοιτο καὶ τῷ βασιλεῖ χαρίζεσθαι μαθόντες ὡς χαίροι ἀφιγμένῳ, διιὼν δὲ ἐς τὰ βασίλεια οὐ διέβλεψεν ἐς οὐδὲν τῶν θαυμαζομένων, ἀλλ' ὥσπερ ὁδοιπορῶν διήγει αὐτά, καὶ καλέσας τὸν Δάμιν "ῆρους με," ἔφη, "πρώην, ὃ τι ὅνομα ἦν τῇ Παμφύλῳ γυναικί, ἢ δὴ Σαπφοῖ τε ὁμιλῆσαι

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WHEN these tidings were brought to the king, he CHAP.
happened to be sacrificing in company with the XXIX
Magi, for religious rites are performed under their supervision. And he called one of them and said : "The dream is come true, which I narrated to you to-day when you visited me in my bed." Now the dream which the king had dreamed was as follows: he thought that he was Artaxerxes, the son of Xerxes, and that he had altered and assumed the latter's form; and he was very much afraid lest some change should come over the face of his affairs, for so he interpreted his change of appearance. But when he heard that it was a Hellene, and a wise man, that had come, he remembered about Themistocles of Athens, who had once come from Greece and had lived with Artaxerxes, and had not only held the king in singular esteem, but had made himself equally esteemed by him. So he held out his right hand and said : "Call him in, for it will make the best of beginnings, if he will join with me in my sacrifice and prayer."

The king
welcomes
him as a
second
Themisto-
cles

XXX

ACCORDINGLY Apollonius entered escorted by a CHAP.
number of people, for they had learnt that the king XXX
was pleased with the new comer and thought that this would gratify him; but as he passed into the palace, he did not glance at anything that others admired, but he passed them by as if he was still travelling along the high-road, and calling Damis to him he said : " You asked me yesterday what

Apollonius
insensible
to the
palace
splendours

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. Λέγεται καὶ τοὺς ὅμινους, οὓς ἐστὶ τὴν Ἀρτεμιν τὴν
XXXΙ Περγαίαν ἄδουσι, ξυνθεῖναι τὸν Αἰολέων τε καὶ
Παμφύλων τρόπον.” “ἡρόμην,” ἔφη, “τὸ δὲ
ὄνομα οὐκ εἶπας.” “οὐκ, ὁ χρηστέ, εἶπον, ἀλλ’
ἔξηγούμην σοι τοὺς νόμους τῶν ὕμνων καὶ τὰ
ὄνόματα, καὶ ὅπῃ τὰ Αἰολέων ἐστὸν ἀκρότατον τε
καὶ τὸ ἵδιον Παμφύλων παρήλλαξε· πρὸς ἀλλω
μετὰ ταῦτα ἐγενόμεθα, καὶ οὐκέτ’ ἥρου με περὶ τοῦ
ὄνόματος· καλεῖται τοίνυν ἡ σοφὴ αὕτη Δαμοφύλη,
καὶ λέγεται τὸν Σαπφοῦς τρόπον παρθένους τε
όμιλητρίας κτήσασθαι ποιήματά τε ξυνθεῖναι τὰ
μὲν ἐρωτικά, τὰ δὲ ὕμνους. τά τοι ἐστὶ τὴν Ἀρτεμιν
καὶ παρῳδηται αὐτῇ καὶ ἀπὸ τῶν Σαπφών
ἥσται.” ὅσον μὲν δὴ ἀπεῖχε τοῦ ἐκπεπλῆχθαι
βασιλέα τε καὶ ὅγκον, ἐδήλου τῷ μηδὲ ὀφθαλμῶν
ἄξια ἡγεῖσθαι τὰ τοιαῦτα, ἀλλὰ ἐτέρων πέρι
διαλέγεσθαι κάκεῖνα δῆπου οὐχ ἡγεῖσθαι ὄρᾶν.

XXXI

CAP. Προϊδὼν δὲ ὁ βασιλεὺς προσιόντα, καὶ γάρ τι
XXXΙ καὶ μῆκος ἡ τοῦ ἱεροῦ αὐλὴ εἶχε, διελάλησέ τε
πρὸς τοὺς ἐγγύς, οἷον ἀναγιγνώσκων τὸν ἄνδρα,
πλησίον τε ἡδη γιγνομένου μέγα ἀναβοήσας,
“οὗτος,” ἔφη, “ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, διν Μεγαβάτης ὁ

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was the name of the Pamphylian woman who is CHAP.
said to have been intimate with Sappho, and to XXX
have composed the hymns which they sing in honour of Artemis of Perga, in the Aeolian and Pamphylian modes." "Yes, I did ask you," said Damis, "but you did not tell me her name." "I did not tell you it, my good fellow, but I explained to you about the keys in which the hymns are written, and I told you their names; and how the Aeolian strains were altered into the highest key of all, that which is peculiar to the Pamphylians. After that we turned to another subject, for you did not ask me again about the name of the lady. Well, she is called,—this clever lady is,—Damophyle, and she is said, like Sappho, to have had girl friends and to have composed poems, some of which were love-songs and others hymns. The particular hymn to Artemis was transposed by her, and has been sung by the following of Sappho." How far then he was from being astonished at the king and his pomp and ceremony, he showed by the fact that he did not think such things worth looking at, but went on talking about other things, as if he did not think the palace worth a glance.

XXXI

Now the king caught sight of him approaching, CHAP.
for the vestibule of the Temple was of considerable XXXI
length, and insisted to those by him that he Refuses to
recognised the sage; and when he came still nearer attend the
he cried out with a loud voice and said: "This is king's
Apollonius, whom Megabates, my brother, said he sacrifice
is of a horse

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. XXXI ἐμὸς ἀδελφὸς ἵδεῖν ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ φησὶ θαυμαζό-
μενόν τε καὶ προσκυνούμενον ὑπὸ τῶν σπουδαίων,
καὶ ἀπέξωγράφησέ μοι τότε τοιοῦτον αὐτόν,
ὅποῖος ἦκει.” προσελθόντα δὲ καὶ ἀσπασάμενον
προσεῖπέ τε ὁ βασιλεὺς φωνῇ Ἑλλάδι, καὶ δὴ
ἐκέλευσε θύειν μετ’ αὐτοῦ· λευκὸν δὲ ἄρα ἵππον
τῶν σφόδρα Νισαίων καταθύσειν ἔμελλε τῷ
Ἡλίῳ φαλάροις κοσμήσας, ὥσπερ ἐς πομπήν,
ὁ δ’ ὑπολαβὼν “σὺ μέν, ὡ βασιλεῦ, θῦε,” ἔφη,
“τὸν σαυτοῦ τρόπουν, ἐμοὶ δὲ ἔνγχώρησον θῦσαι
τὸν ἐμαυτοῦ.” καὶ δραξάμενος τοῦ λιβανωτοῦ,
“Ἡλίε,” ἔφη, “πέμπε με ἐφ’ ὅσον τῆς γῆς ἐμοὶ¹
τε καὶ σοὶ δοκεῖ, καὶ γιγνώσκοιμι ἄνδρας ἀγαθούς,
φαύλους δὲ μήτε ἐγὼ μάθοιμι μήτε ἐμὲ φαῦλοι.”
καὶ εἰπὼν ταῦτα τὸν λιβανωτὸν ἐς τὸ πῦρ ἤκεν,
ἐπισκεψάμενος δὲ αὐτὸ δῆ πη διανίσταται καὶ δῆ πη
θολοῦται, καὶ ὀπόσαις κορυφαῖς ἄπτει, καί που καὶ
ἔφαπτόμενος τοῦ πυρός, δῆ πη εὔσημόν τε καὶ
καθαρὸν φαίνοιτο “θῦε,” ἔφη, “λοιπόν, ὡ βασιλεῦ,
κατὰ τὰ σαυτοῦ πάτρια, τὰ γὰρ πάτρια τάμα
τοιαῦτα.”

XXXII

CAP. XXXII Καὶ ἀνεχώρησε τῆς θυσίας, ως μὴ κοινωνοίη τοῦ
αἵματος. μετὰ δὲ τὴν θυσίαν προσῆλθε καὶ “ὦ
βασιλεῦ,” ἔφη, “τὴν φωνὴν τὴν Ἑλλάδα πᾶσαν
γιγνώσκεις, ἡ σμικρὰ αὐτῆς ὑπὲρ τοῦ εὐξυμβόλου
ἴσως καὶ τοῦ μὴ ἀηδῆς δοκεῖν, εἴ τις ἀφίκοιτο
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saw in Antioch, the admired and respected of serious people ; and he depicted him to me at that time just such a man as now comes to us." And when Apollonius approached and saluted him, the king addressed him in the Greek language and invited him to sacrifice with him; and it chanced that he was on the point of sacrificing to the Sun as a victim a horse of the true Nisaean breed, which he had adorned with trappings as if for a triumphal procession. But Apollonius replied : "Do you, O king, go on with your sacrifice, in your own way, but permit me to sacrifice in mine." And he took up a handful of frankincense and said : "O thou Sun, send me as far over the earth as is my pleasure and thine, and may I make the acquaintance of good men, but never hear anything of bad ones, nor they of me." And with these words he threw the frankincense into the fire, and watched to see how the smoke of it curled upwards, and how it grew turbid, and in how many points it shot up ; and in a manner he caught the meaning of the fire, and watched how it appeared of good omen and pure. Then he said : "Now, O king, go on with your sacrifice in accordance with your own traditions, for my traditions are such as you see."

XXXII

AND he quitted the scene of sacrifice in order not to be present at the shedding of blood. But after the sacrifice was over he approached and said : "O king, do you know the Greek tongue thoroughly, or have you a smattering of it perhaps, in order to be able to express yourself and appear polite in

CHAP.
XXXII

Expounds
his self-
discipline
to the king

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CAP. XXXII "Ελλην;" "πᾶσαν," εἰπεν, "ἴσα τῇ ἐγχωρίῳ ταύτῃ, καὶ λέγε ὅ τι βούλει, διὰ τοῦτο γάρ που ἐρωτᾶς" "διὰ τοῦτο," ἔφη, "καὶ ἀκουε· ἡ μὲν δόρμῃ μοι τῆς ἀποδημίας Ἰνδοί εἰσι, παρελθεῖν δὲ οὐδ' ὑμᾶς ἐβούληθην, σέ τε ἀκούων ἄνδρα, οἷον ἐξ δυνχος ἥδη ὄρῳ, σοφίαν τε, ἥπερ ὑμῖν ἔστιν ἐπιχώριος μελετωμένη μάγοις ἀνδράσι, κατιδεῖν δεόμενος, εἰ τὰ θεῖα, ὡς λέγονται, σοφοί εἰσι· σοφία δὲ ἐμὸν Πυθαγόρου Σαμίου ἀνδρός, διὸ θεούς τε θεραπεύειν ὡδέ με ἐδιδάξατο, καὶ ξυνιέναι σφῶν ὄρωμένων τε καὶ οὐχ ὄρωμένων, φοιτᾶν τε ἐς διάλεξιν θεῶν, καὶ γηίνῳ τούτῳ ἐρίῳ ἐστάλθαι, οὐ γάρ προβάτου ἐπέχθη, ἀλλ' ἀκήρατος ἀκηράτων φύεται, ὕδατός τε καὶ γῆς δῶρα, ὁθόνη· καὶ αὐτὸ δὲ τὸ ἄνετον τῆς κόμης ἐκ Πυθαγόρου ἐπήσκησα, καὶ τὸ καθαρεύειν ζώου βορᾶς ἐκ τῆς ἐκείνου μοι σοφίας ἤκει. ξυμπότης μὲν δὴ καὶ κοινωνὸς ῥαστώνης ἡ τρυφῆς οὕτ' ἄν σοι γενοίμην οὕτ' ἄν ἐτέρῳ οὐδεινί, φροντίδων δὲ ἀπόρων τε καὶ δυσευρέτων δοίην ἄν λύσεις, οὐ γιγνώσκων τὰ πρακτέα μόνον, ἀλλὰ καὶ προγιγνώσκων." ταῦτα ὁ Δάμις μὲν διαλεχθῆναι φησι τὸν ἄνδρα, Ἀπολλώνιος δὲ ἐπιστολὴν αὐτὰ πεποίηται, πολλὰ δὲ καὶ ἄλλα τῶν ἑαυτῷ ἐς διάλεξιν εἰρημένων ἐς ἐπιστολὰς ἄνετυπώσατο.

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case any Greek arrives?" "I know it thoroughly," CHAP. XXXII replied the king, "as well as I do my native language; so say you what you like, for this I suppose is the reason why you put the question to me." "It was my reason," said the other; "so listen. The goal of my voyage is India, but I had no intention of passing you by; for I heard that you were such a man as from a slight acquaintance I already perceive you to be, and was desirous also of examining the wisdom which is indigenous among you and is cultivated by the Magi, and of finding out whether they are such wise theologians as they are reported to be. Now my own system of wisdom is that of Pythagoras, a man of Samos, who taught me to worship the gods in the way you see, and to be aware of them whether they are seen or not seen, and to be frequent in my converse with them, and to dress myself in this land-wool; for it was never worn by sheep, but is the spotless product of spotless parents, the gift of water and of earth, namely linen. And the very fashion of letting my hair grow long, I have learnt from Pythagoras as part of his discipline, and also it is a result of his wisdom that I keep myself pure from animal food. I cannot therefore become either for you or for anybody else a companion in drinking or an associate in idleness and luxury; but if you have problems of conduct that are difficult and hard to settle, I will furnish you with solutions, for I not only know matters of practice and duty, but I even know them beforehand." Such was the conversation which Damis declares the sage to have held; and Apollonius himself composed a letter containing them, and has sketched out in his epistles much else of what he said in conversation.

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XXXIII

CAP.
XXXIII 'Επεὶ δὲ χαιρειν ὁ βασιλεὺς ἔφη καὶ ἀγάλλεσθαι
 ῆκοντι μᾶλλον, ἢ εἰ τὰ Περσῶν καὶ Ἰνδῶν πρὸς
 τοῖς οὖσιν αὐτῷ ἐκτήσατο, ξένου τε ποιεῖσθαι καὶ
 κοινωνὸν τῆς βασιλείου στέγης, "εἰ ἐγώ σε, ὡ
 βασιλεῦ," εἶπεν, "ἐσ πατρίδα τὴν ἐμὴν Τύανα
 ῆκοντα ἡξίουν οἰκεῖν οὐ ἐγώ, οἰκήσαι ἀν ηρας ;"
 "μὰ Δί'," εἶπεν, "εἰ μὴ τοσαύτην γε οἰκίαν οἰκή-
 σειν ἔμελλον, ὅπόσην δορυφόρους τε καὶ σωματο-
 φύλακας ἐμοὺς αὐτόν τε ἐμὲ λαμπρῶς δέξασθαι."
 "ὁ αὐτὸς οὖν," ἔφη, "καὶ παρ' ἐμοῦ λόγος· εἰ γὰρ
 ὑπὲρ ἔμαυτὸν οἰκήσω, πονηρῶς διαιτήσομαι, τὸ
 γὰρ ὑπερβάλλον λυπεῖ τοὺς σοφοὺς μᾶλλον ἡ
 ἡμᾶς τὸ ἐλλεῖπον· ξενιζέτω με οὖν ἵδιώτης ἔχων
 ὅπόσα ἐγώ, σοὶ δὲ ἐγὼ ξυνέσομαι ὅπόσα βούλει."
 ξυνεχώρει ὁ βασιλεὺς, ὡς μὴ ἀηδές τι αὐτῷ
 λάθοι πράξας, καὶ φέκησε παρ' ἀνδρὶ Βαβυλωνίῳ
 χρηστῷ τε καὶ ἄλλως γενναίῳ. δειπνοῦντι δὲ
 ηδη εὐνοῦχος ἔφίσταται τῶν τὰς ἀγγελίας δια-
 φερόντων, καὶ προσειπὼν τὸν ἄνδρα "βασιλεὺς,"
 ἔφη, "δωρεῖται σε δέκα δωρεαῖς καὶ ποιεῖται κύριον
 τοῦ ἐπαγγεῖλαι αὐτάς, δεῖται δέ σου μὴ μικρὰ
 αἰτήσαι, μεγαλοφροσύνην γὰρ ἐνδείξασθαι σοί τε
 καὶ ἡμῖν βούλεται." ἐπαινέσας δὲ τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν
 "πότε οὖν χρὴ αἰτεῖν ;" ἥρετο, ὁ δὲ "αὔριον," ἔφη,
 καὶ ἄμα ἐφοίτησε παρὰ πάντας τοὺς βασιλέως

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XXXIII

SINCE the king said that he was more pleased and delighted with his arrival than if he had added to his own possessions the wealth of Persia and India, and added that Apollonius must be his guest and share with him the royal roof, Apollonius remarked : " Supposing, O king, that you came to my country of Tyana and I invited you to live where I live, would you care to do so ? " " Why no," answered the king, " unless I had a house to live in that was big enough to accommodate not only my escort and bodyguard, but myself as well, in a handsome manner." " Then," said the other, " I may use the same argument to you ; for if I am housed above my rank, I shall live ill at ease, for superfluity distresses wise men more than deficiency distresses you. Let me therefore be entertained by some private person who has the same means as myself, and I will visit with you as often as you like." The king conceded this point, lest he should be betrayed into doing anything that might annoy him, and Apollonius took up his quarters with a gentleman of Babylon of good character and besides high-minded. But before he had finished dinner one of the eunuchs who carry messages presented himself and addressed him thus : " The king," he said, " bestows upon you ten presents, and leaves you free to name them ; but he is anxious that you should not ask for small trifles, for he wishes to exhibit to you and to us his generosity." Apollonius commended the message, and asked : " Then when am I to ask for them ? " And the messenger replied : " To-morrow," and at once went off to all the king's friends and kinsmen

CHAP.
XXXIII
Refuses to
lodge in the
palace

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CAP. XXXIII φίλους τε καὶ ξυγγενεῖς, παρεῖναι κελεύων αἰτοῦντι
 καὶ τιμωμένῳ τῷ ἀνδρί. φησὶ δὲ ὁ Δάμις ξυνιέναι
 μέν, ὅτι μηδὲν αἰτήσοι, τόν τε τρόπον αὐτοῦ
 καθεωρακὼς καὶ εἰδὼς εὐχόμενον τοῖς θεοῖς εὐχὴν
 τοιαύτην “ ὡς θεοί, δοίητε μοι μικρὰ ἔχειν καὶ
 δεῖσθαι μηδενός.” ἐφεστηκότα μέντοι ὄρῶν καὶ
 ἐνθυμουμένῳ ὅμοιον οἰεσθαι ως αἰτήσοι μέν,
 βασανίζοι δέ, ὃ τι μέλλει αἰτήσειν. ὁ δὲ ἐσπέρας
 ἥδη “ ὡς Δάμι,” ἔφη, “ θεωρῶ πρὸς ἐμαυτόν, ἐξ
 ὅτου ποτὲ οἱ βάρβαροι τοὺς εὐνούχους σώφρονας
 ἡγοῦνται καὶ ἐσ τὰς γυναικωνίτιδας ἐσάγονται.”
 “ ἀλλὰ τοῦτο,” ἔφη, “ ὡς Ἀπολλώνιε, καὶ παιδὶ¹
 δῆλον ἐπειδὴ γάρ ἡ τομὴ τὸ ἀφροδισιάζειν
 ἀφαιρεῖται σφᾶς, ἀνεῖνται σφισιν αἱ γυναικωνί-
 τιδες, καν ξυγκαθεύδειν ταῖς γυναιξὶ βούλωνται.”
 “ τὸ δὲ ἑράν,” εἶπεν, “ ἡ τὸ ξυγγίγνεσθαι γυναιξὶν
 ἐκτετμῆσθαι αὐτοὺς οἴει; ” “ ἄμφω,” ἔφη, “ εἰ γάρ
 σβεσθείη τὸ μόριον ὑφ’ οὐδὲν διοιστρέται τὸ σῶμα,
 οὐδὲ ἀν τὸ ἑράν ἐπέλθοι οὐδενί.” ὁ δὲ βραχὺ²
 ἐπισχών “ αὔριον,” ἔφη, “ ὡς Δάμι, μάθοις ἄν, ὅτι
 καὶ εὐνοῦχοι ἑρῶσι καὶ τὸ ἐπιθυμητικόν, ὅπερ
 ἐσάγονται διὰ τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν, οὐκ ἀπομαραίνεται
 σφῶν, ἀλλ’ ἐμμένει θερμόν τε καὶ ζώπυρον, δεῖ
 γάρ τι περιπεσεῖν, ὃ τὸν σὸν ἐλέγξει λόγον. εἰ
 δὲ καὶ τέχνη τις ἡν ἀνθρωπεία τύραννός τε καὶ
 δυνατὴ τὰ τοιαῦτα ἔξωθεῦν τῆς γυώμης, οὐκ ἄν
 μοι δοκῶ τοὺς εὐνούχους ποτὲ ἐσ τῶν σωφρο-
 νούντων ἥθη προσγράψαι, κατηναγκασμένους τὴν

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and bade them be present when the sage should prefer his demand and receive the honour. But Damis says that he expected him to ask for nothing, because he had studied his character and knew that he offered to the gods the following prayer : "O ye gods, grant unto me to have little and to want nothing." However, as he saw him much pre-occupied and, as it were, brooding, he determined that he was going to ask and was anxiously turning over in his mind, what he should ask. But at eventide : "Damis," said Apollonius, "I am thinking over with myself the question of why the barbarians have regarded eunuchs as men sufficiently chaste to be allowed the free entry of the women's apartments." "But," answered the other, "O Apollonius, a child could tell you. For inasmuch as the operation has deprived them of the faculty, they are freely admitted into those apartments, no matter how far their wishes may go." "But do you suppose the operation has removed their desires or the further aptitude ?" "Both," replied Damis, "for if you extinguish in a man the unruly member that lashes the body to madness, the fit of passion will come on him no more." After a brief pause, Apollonius said : "To-morrow, Damis, you shall learn that even eunuchs are liable to fall in love, and that the desire which is contracted through the eyes is not extinguished in them, but abides alive and ready to burst into a flame ; for that will occur which will refute your opinion. And even if there were really any human art of such tyrannic force that it could expel such feelings from the heart, I do not see how we could ever attribute to them any chastity of character, seeing that they would have

Discusses
Eunuchism
with Damis

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CAP. XXXIII σωφροσύνην καὶ βιαίω τέχνη ἐς τὸ μὴ ἔραν
ἡγμένους. σωφροσύνη γὰρ τὸ ὀρεγόμενόν τε καὶ
όρμῶντα μὴ ἡττᾶσθαι ἀφροδισίων, ἀλλ' ἀπέχεσθαι
καὶ κρείττῳ φαίνεσθαι τῆς λύττης ταύτης.”
ὑπολαβὼν οὖν ὁ Δάμις “ταῦτα μὲν καὶ αὐθις
ἐπισκεψόμεθα,” ἔφη, “ὦ Ἀπολλώνιε, ἢ δὲ χρὴ
ἀποκρίνασθαι αὔριον πρὸς τὴν τοῦ βασιλέως
ἐπαγγελίαν λαμπρὰν οὖσαν διεσκέφθαι προσήκει.
αἰτήσεις μὲν γὰρ ἵσως οὐδέν, τὸ δὲ ὅπως ἀν μὴ
ἄλλῳ, φασί, τύφῳ παραιτεῖσθαι δοκοίης, ἅπερ ἀν
ὁ βασιλεὺς διδῷ, τοῦτο ὄρα καὶ φυλάττου αὐτό,
όρῶν οἱ τῆς γῆς εἰ καὶ δι τούτῳ ἐπ' αὐτῷ κείμεθα. δεῖ
δὲ φυλάττεσθαι διαβολάς, ὡς ὑπεροφίᾳ χρώμενον,
γιγνώσκειν τε ὡς οὐν μὲν ἐφόδιά ἐστιν ἡμῖν ὅπόσα
ἐς Ἰνδοὺς πέμψαι, ἐπανιοῦσι δὲ ἐκεῖθεν οὗτ’ ἀν
ἀποχρήσαι ταῦτα, γένοιτο δὲ οὐκ ἀν ἔτερα.”

XXXIV

CAP. XXXIV Καὶ τοιάδε ὑπέθαλπεν αὐτὸν τέχνη, μὴ ἀπαξιῶ-
σαι λαβεῖν, ὃ τι διδοίη, ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος ὕσπερ
ξυλλαμβάνων αὐτῷ τοῦ λόγου “παραδειγμάτων
δέ,” εἶπεν, “ὦ Δάμι, ἀμελήσεις; ἐν οἷς ἐστιν, ὡς
Αἰσχίνης μὲν ὁ τοῦ Λυσανίου παρὰ Διονύσιον ἐς
Σικελίαν ὑπὲρ χρημάτων φχετο, Πλάτων δὲ τρὶς
ἀναμετρῆσαι λέγεται τὴν Χάρυβδιν ὑπὲρ πλούτου
Σικελικοῦ, Ἀρίστιππος δὲ ὁ Κυρηναῖος καὶ Ἐλίκων
οἱ ἐκ Κυζίκου καὶ Φύτων, ὅτ’ ἐφευγεν, ὁ Ρηγῖνος,

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no choice, having been by sheer force and artificially deprived of the faculty of falling in love. For chastity consists in not yielding to passion when the longing and impulse is felt, and in the abstinence which rises superior to this form of madness." CHAP. XXXIII
Accordingly Damis answered and said : "Here is a thing that we will examine another time, O Apollonius ; but we had better consider now what answer you can make to-morrow to the king's magnificent offer. For you will perhaps ask for nothing at all, but you should be careful and be on your guard lest you should seem to decline any gift the king may offer, as they say, out of mere empty pride, for you see the land that you are in and that we are wholly in his power. And you must be on your guard against the accusation of treating him with contempt, and understand, that although we have sufficient means to carry us to India, yet what we have will not be sufficient to bring us back thence, and we have no other supply to fall back upon."

XXXIV

AND by such devices he tried to wheedle Apollonius into not refusing to take anything he might be offered ; but Apollonius, by way of assisting him in his argument, said : "But, O Damis, are you not going to give me some examples ? Let me supply you with some : Aeschines, the son of Lysanias, went off to Dionysius in Sicily in quest of money, and Plato is said thrice to have traversed Charybdis in quest of the wealth of Sicily, and Aristippus of Cyrene, and Helicon of Cyzicus, and Phyton of Rhegium, when he was in CHAP. XXXIV
Refuses kingly gifts, and rebukes Damis for his greediness

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. XXXIV οὗτω τι ἐς τοὺς Διονυσίου κατέδυσαν θησαυρούς,
 ὡς μόγις ἀνασχεῖν ἐκεῖθεν. καὶ μὴν καὶ τὸν
 Κνίδιόν φασιν Εῦδοξον, ἐς Αἴγυπτόν ποτε ἀφικό-
 μενον, ὑπὲρ χρημάτων τε ὁμολογεῖν ἥκειν καὶ
 διαλέγεσθαι τῷ βασιλεῖ ὑπὲρ τούτου, καὶ ἵνα μὴ
 πλείους διαβάλλω, Σπεύσιππον τὸν Ἀθηναῖον
 οὗτω τι ἔρασι χρήματον γενέσθαι φασίν, ὡς ἐπὶ
 τὸν Κασάνδρου γάμον ἐς Μακεδονίαν κωμάσαι
 ποιήματα ψυχρὰ ξυνθέντα, καὶ δημοσίᾳ ταῦθ
 ὑπὲρ χρημάτων ἀσαι. ἐγὼ δὲ ἡγούμαι, ὡς Δάμι,
 τὸν ἄνδρα τὸν σοφὸν πλείω κινδυνεύειν ἢ οἱ πλέον-
 τές τε καὶ ξὺν ὅπλοις μαχόμενοι, φθόνος γὰρ ἐπ'
 αὐτὸν στείχει, καὶ σιωπῶντα καὶ φθεγγόμενον,
 καὶ ξυντείνοντα καὶ ἀνιέντα, καὶ παρέλθῃ τι
 καὶ προσέλθῃ τῷ, καὶ προσείπῃ καὶ μὴ προσείπῃ.
 δεῖ δὲ πεφράχθαι τὸν ἄνδρα, γυγνώσκειν τε ὡς
 ἀργίας μὲν ἡττηθεὶς ὁ σοφὸς ἢ χολῆς ἢ ἔρωτος
 ἢ φιλοποσίας, ἢ ἐτοιμότερόν τι τοῦ καιροῦ πράξας,
 ἵσως ἀν καὶ ξυγγνώμην φέροιτο, χρήμασι δὲ ὑπο-
 θεὶς ἔαυτὸν οὕτ' ἀν ξυγγινώσκοιτο καὶ μισοῖτ'
 ἀν, ὡς ὁμοῦ πάσας κακίας συνειληφώς· μὴ γὰρ
 ἀν ἡττηθῆναι χρημάτων αὐτόν, εἰ μὴ γαστρὸς
 ἡττητο καὶ ἀμπεχόνης καὶ οἴνου καὶ τοῦ ἐς
 ἔταιρας φέρεσθαι. σὺ δ' ἵσως ἡγῇ τὸ ἐν Βαβυλῶνι
 ἀμαρτεῖν ἡττον εἶναι τοῦ Ἀθήνησιν ἢ Ὁλυμ-
 πίασιν ἢ Πυθοῖ, καὶ οὐκ ἐνθυμῇ ὅτι σοφῷ ἀνδρὶ¹
 Ἑλλὰς πάντα, καὶ οὐδὲν ἔρημον ἢ βάρβαρον
 χωρίον οὔτε ἡγήσεται ὁ σοφὸς οὔτε νομεῖ, ζῶν
 γε ὑπὸ τοῖς τῆς ἀρετῆς ὀφθαλμοῖς, καὶ βλέπει

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exile, buried their noses so deep in the treasure-houses of Dionysius, that they could barely tear themselves away. Moreover they tell of how Eudoxus of Cnidus once arrived in Egypt and both admitted that he had come there in quest of money, and conversed with the king about the matter. And not to take away more characters, they say that Speusippus, the Athenian, was so fond of money, that he recited festal songs, when he reached Macedonia, in honour of Cassander's marriage, which were frigid compositions, and that he sang these songs in public for the sake of money. Well, I think, O Damis, that a wise man runs more risk than do sailors and soldiers in action, for envy is ever assailing him, whether he holds his tongue or speaks, whether he exerts himself or is idle, whether he passes by anything or takes care to visit anyone, whether he addresses others or neglects to address them. And so a man must fortify himself and understand that a wise man who yields to laziness or anger or passion, or love of drink, or who commits any other action prompted by impulse and inopportune, will probably find his fault condoned; but if he stoops to greed, he will not be pardoned, but render himself odious as a combination of all vices at once. For surely they will not allow that he could be the slave of money, unless he was already the slave of his stomach or of fine raiment or of wine or of riotous living. But you perhaps imagine that it is a lesser thing to go wrong in Babylon than to go wrong at Athens or at the Olympian or Pythian games; and you do not reflect that a wise man finds Hellas everywhere, and that a sage will not regard or consider any place to be a desert or barbarous,

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CAP. μὲν ὀλίγους τῶν ἀνθρώπων, μυρίοις δ' ὅμμασιν
XXXIV αὐτὸς ὄρâται. εἰ δὲ καὶ ἀθλητῆ ἔνησθα τούτων
τινί, ω̄ Δάμι, οἱ παλαίειν τε καὶ παγκρατιάζειν
ἀσκοῦσιν, ἀρά ἀν ἡξίους αὐτόν, εἰ μὲν Ὀλύμπια
ἀγωνίζοιτο καὶ ἐς Ἀρκαδίαν ἵοι, γενναιόν τε καὶ
ἀγαθὸν εἶναι, καὶ νὴ Δί', εἰ Πύθια ἄγοιτο ἦ
Νέμεα, ἐπιμελεῖσθαι τοῦ σώματος, ἐπειδὴ φανεροὶ
οἱ ἀγῶνες καὶ τὰ στάδια ἐν σπουδαίῳ τῆς
Ἐλλάδος, εἰ δὲ θύοι Φίλιππος Ὀλύμπια πόλεις
ἡρηκώς, ἥ ὁ τούτου παῖς Ἀλέξανδρος ἐπὶ ταῖς
έαυτοῦ νίκαις ἀγῶνα ἄγοι, χείρον ἥδη παρασκευά-
ζειν τὸ σῶμα καὶ μὴ φιλονίκως ἔχειν, ἐπειδὴ ἐν
Ὀλύνθῳ ἀγωνιεῖται ἡ Μακεδονίᾳ ἡ Αἰγύπτῳ,
ἀλλὰ μὴ ἐν "Ἐλλησι καὶ σταδίοις τοῖς ἐκεῖ;" ὑπὸ¹
μὲν δὴ τῶν λόγων τούτων ὁ Δάμις οὕτω διατεθῆ-
ναι φησιν, ω̄ς ἔνγκαλήψασθαί τε ἐφ' οἷς αὐτὸς
εἰρηκὼς ἔτυχε, παραιτεῖσθαί τε τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον
ἔνγγινόμην αὐτῷ ἔχειν, εἰ μήπω κατανευοηκὼς
αὐτὸν ἐς ἔνμβουλίαν τε καὶ πειθὼ τοιαύτην
ῶρμησεν. ὁ δὲ ἀναλαμβάνων αὐτόν "θάρρει,"
ἔφη, "οὐ γὰρ ἐπίπληξιν ποιούμενος, ἀλλὰ τούμὸν
ὑπογράφων σοι ταῦτα εἴπον."

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because he, at any rate, lives under the eyes of CHAP.
virtue, and although he only sees a few men, yet he ^{XXXIV} is himself looked at by ten thousand eyes. Now if you came across an athlete, Damis, one of those who practise and train themselves in wrestling and boxing, surely you would require him, in case he were contending in the Olympic games, or went to Arcadia, to be both noble in character and good; nay more, if the Pythian or Nemean contest were going on, you would require him to take care of his physique, because these arenas and race-courses are well known and held in respect by Hellas; would you then, if Philip were sacrificing with Olympic rites after capturing certain cities, or if his son Alexander were holding games to celebrate his victories, tell the man forthwith to neglect the training of his body and to leave off being keen to win, because the contest was to be held in Olynthus or in Macedonia or in Egypt, rather than among the Hellenes, and on your native race-courses?" These then were the arguments by which Damis declares that he was so impressed as to blush at what he had said, and to ask Apollonius to pardon him for having through imperfect acquaintance with him, ventured to tender him such advice, and use such arguments. But the sage caught him up and said: "Never mind, for it was not by way of rebuking and humbling you that I spoke thus, but in order to give you some idea of my own point of view."

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XXXV

CAP.
XXXV Αφικομένου δὲ τοῦ εύνούχου καὶ καλοῦντος
αὐτὸν παρὰ τὸν βασιλέα “ἀφίξομαι,” εἰπεν,
“ἐπειδὰν τὰ πρὸς τοὺς θεοὺς εὑ̄ μοι ἔχῃ.” Θύσας
οὖν καὶ εὐξάμενος ἀπήγει, περιβλεπόμενός τε καὶ
θαυμαζόμενος τοῦ σχῆματος. ώς δὲ ἔσω παρῆλθε.
“δίδωμί σοι,” ἔφη ὁ βασιλεύς, “δέκα δωρεάς.
ἄνδρα σε ἡγούμενος, οἷος οὕπω τις ἀπὸ Ἑλλήνων
δεῦρ’ ἥλθεν.” ὁ δὲ ὑπολαβών “οὐ πάσας,” εἰπεν,
“ὦ βασιλεῦ, παραιτήσομαι, μίαν δέ, ἦν ἀντὶ[·]
πολλῶν δεκάδων αἴροῦμαι, προθύμως αἰτήσω ·”
καὶ ἅμα τὸν περὶ τῶν Ἐρετριέων διῆλθε λόγον.
ἀναλαβὼν ἀπὸ τοῦ Δάτιδος. “αἰτῶ οὖν,” ἔφη,
“μὴ περικόπτεσθαι τοὺς ἀθλίους τούτους τῶν
ὅρίων τε καὶ τοῦ λόφου, ἀλλὰ νέμεσθαι σφᾶς
μέτρον τῆς γῆς, δὲ Δαρεῖος ἐνόμισε, δεινὸν γάρ, εἰ
τῆς αὐτῶν ἐκπεσόντες μηδὲ ἦν ἀντ’ ἐκείνης ἔχουσιν,
ἔξουσιν.” ξυντιθέμενος οὖν ὁ βασιλεύς “Ἐρε-
τριεῖς,” εἰπεν, “ἐσ μὲν τὴν χθὲς ἡμέραν ἐμοῦ τε
πολέμιοι καὶ πατέρων ἐμῶν ἤσαν, ἐπειδὴ ὅπλων
ποτὲ ἐφ’ ἡμᾶς ἥρξαν, καὶ παρεωρῶντο, ώς τὸ
γένος αὐτῶν ἀφανισθείη, λοιπὸν δὲ φίλοι τε
ἀναγεγράφονται καὶ σατραπεύσει αὐτῶν ἀνὴρ
ἀγαθός, δις δικαιώσει τὴν χώραν. τὰς δὲ ἐννέα
δωρεάς,” ἔφη, “διὰ τί οὐ λήψῃ;” “ὅτι, ὡς βασιλεῦ,”
εἰπεν, “οὕπω φίλους ἐνταῦθα ἐκτησάμην.” “αὐτὸς

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XXXV

Now when the eunuch arrived and summoned him before the king, he said : "I will come as soon as I have duly discharged my religious duties." Accordingly he sacrificed and offered his prayer, and then departed, and everyone looked at him and wondered at his bearing. And when he had come within, the king said : "I present you with ten gifts, because I consider you such a man as never before has come hither from Hellas." And he answered and said : "I will not, O king, decline all your gifts ; but there is one which I prefer to many tens of gifts, and for that I will most eagerly solicit." And he at once told the story of the Eretrians, beginning it from the time of Datis. "I ask then," he said, "that these poor people should not be driven away from their borders and from the hill, but should be left to cultivate the span of earth, which Darius allowed them ; for it is very hard if they are not to be allowed to retain the land which was substituted for their own when they were driven out of the latter." The king then consented and said : "The Eretrians were, until yesterday, the enemies of myself and of my fathers ; for they once took up arms against us, and they have been neglected in order that their race might perish ; but henceforth they shall be written among my friends, and they shall have, as a satrap, a good man who will judge their country justly. But why," he said, "will you not accept the other nine gifts ?" "Because," he answered, "I have not yet, O king, made any friends

CHAP.
XXXV
He intercedes with the king in behalf of the Eretrians

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CAP. Δὲ οὐδενὸς δέη”; “φήσαντος “τῶν γε τραγη-
XXXV μάτων,” ἔφη, “καὶ τῶν ἄρτων, ἃ με ἡδέως τε καὶ
λαμπρῶς ἐστιἄ.”

XXXVI

CAP. Τοιαῦτα δὴ λαλούντων πρὸς ἀλλήλους, κραυγὴ^{XXXVI} τῶν βασιλείων ἔξεφοίτησεν εὔνούχων καὶ γυναι-
κῶν ἅμα· εἴληπτο δὲ ἄρα εὔνούχός τις ἐπὶ μιᾶ
τῶν τοῦ βασιλέως παλλακῶν ξυγκατακείμενός τε
καὶ ὄπόσα οἱ μοιχοὶ πράττων, καὶ ἥγον αὐτὸν οἱ
ἀμφὶ τὴν γυναικωνῖτιν ἐπισπῶντες τῆς κόμης, δν
δὴ ἄγονται τρόπον οἱ βασιλέως δοῦλοι. ἐπεὶ δὲ
ὁ πρεσβύτατος τῶν εὔνούχων ἐρῶντα μὲν τῆς
γυναικὸς πάλαι ἡσθηται ἔφη, καὶ προειρηκέναι
οἱ μὴ προσδιαλέγεσθαι αὐτῇ, μηδὲ ἄπτεσθαι
δέρης ἡ χειρός, μηδὲ κοσμεῦν ταύτην μόνην τῶν
ἔνδον, νῦν δὲ καὶ ξυγκατακείμενον εύρηκέναι καὶ
ἀνδριζόμενον ἐπὶ τὴν γυναικα, ὁ μὲν Ἀπολλώνιος
ἐς τὸν Δάμιν εἶδεν, ὡς δὴ τοῦ λόγου ἀποδεδειγ-
μένου, διὸ ἐφιλοσοφεῖτο αὐτοῖς περὶ τοῦ καὶ
εὔνούχων τὸ ἑράν εἶναι, ὁ δὲ βασιλεὺς πρὸς τοὺς
παρόντας “ἄλλ’ αἰσχρόν γε,” εἶπεν, “ὦ ἄνδρες,
παρόντος ἡμῖν Ἀπολλωνίου περὶ σωφροσύνης
ἡμᾶς, ἀλλὰ μὴ τοῦτον, ἀποφαίνεσθαι· τί οὖν
κελεύεις, Ἀπολλώνιε, παθεῖν αὐτόν; “τί δὲ ἄλλο
ἢ ζῆν;” εἶπε παρὰ τὴν πάντων ἀποκρινάμενος
δόξαν. ἀνερυθριάσας οὖν ὁ βασιλεὺς “είτα οὐ
πολλῶν,” ἔφη, “θανάτων ἄξιος, ὑφέρπων οὗτως

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here." "And do you yourself require nothing?" CHAP.
said the king. "Yes," he said, "I need dried fruits XXXV
and bread, for that is a repast which delights me
and which I find magnificent."

XXXVI

WHILE they were thus conversing with one another CHAP.
a hubbub was heard to proceed from the palace, of XXXVI
eunuchs and women shrieking all at once. And Incident
in fact an eunuch had been caught misbehaving with illustrative
one of the royal concubines just as if he were an of the
adulterer. The guards of the harem were now manners of
dragging him along by the hair in the way they do
royal slaves. The senior of the eunuchs accordingly
declared that he had long before noticed he had an
affection for this particular lady, and had already
forbidden him to talk to her or touch her neck
or hand, or assist her toilette, though he was free to
wait upon all the other members of the harem; yet
he had now caught him behaving as if he were the
lady's lover. Apollonius thereupon glanced at
Damis, as if to indicate that the argument they had
conducted on the point that even eunuchs fall in
love, was now demonstrated to be true; but the
king remarked to the bystanders: "Nay, but it is
disgraceful, gentlemen, that, in the presence of
Apollonius, we should be enlarging on the subject
of chastity rather than he. What then, O
Apollonius, do you urge us to do with him?"
"Why, to let him live, of course," answered
Apollonius to the surprise of them all. Whereon
the king reddened, and said: "Then you do not

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CAP. τὴν εὐνήν τὴν ἐμήν ; ” “ ἀλλ’ οὐχ ὑπὲρ ξυγ-
XXXVI γνώμης,” ἔφη, “ βασιλεῦ, ταῦτα εἶπον, ἀλλ’ ὑπὲρ
τιμωρίας, ἢ ἀποκναίσει αὐτόν εἰ γὰρ ζήσεται
νοσῶν καὶ ἀδυνάτων ἀπόμενος, καὶ μήτε σῆτα
μήτε ποτὰ ἥσει αὐτὸν μήτε θεάματα, ἢ σέ τε καὶ
τούς σοι συνόντας εὐφρανεῖ, πηδήσεται τε ἡ
καρδία θαμὰ ἐκθρώσκουντος τοῦ ὑπνου, δὲ δὴ
μάλιστα περὶ τοὺς ἐρῶντάς φασι γίγνεσθαι, καὶ
τίς μὲν οὕτω φθόνη τῇξει αὐτόν, τίς δὲ οὕτω λιμὸς
ἐπιθρύψει τὰ σπλάγχνα ; εἰ δὲ μὴ τῶν φιλο-
ψύχων εἴη τις αὐτός, ὁ βασιλεῦ, δεήσεται σού
ποτε καὶ ἀποκτεῖναι αὐτόν, ἢ ἐαυτόν γε ἀποκτενεῖ,
πολλὰ δόλοφυρόμενος τὴν παρούσαν ταύτην
ἡμέραν, ἐν ἣ μὴ εὐθὺς ἀπέθανε.” τοῦτο μὲν δὴ
τοιούτον τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου καὶ οὕτω σοφόν τε καὶ
ῆμερον, ἐφ’ ω̄ βασιλεὺς ἀνῆκε τὸν θάνατον τῷ
εὔνούχῳ.

XXXVII

CAP.
XXXVII Μέλλων δέ ποτε πρὸς θήρᾳ γίγνεσθαι τῶν ἐν
τοῖς παραδείσοις θηρίων, ἐς οὓς λέοντές τε ἀπό-
κεινται τοῖς βαρβάροις καὶ ἄρκτοι καὶ παρδάλεις,
ἥξίου τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον παρατυχεῖν οἱ θηρῶντι, ὁ
δέ “ ἐκλέλησαι, ὁ βασιλεῦ,” ἔφη, “ ὅτι μηδὲ
θύοντί σοι παρατυγχάνω ; καὶ ἄλλως οὐχ ἡδὺ¹⁰⁶
θηρίοις βεβασανισμένοις καὶ παρὰ τὴν φύσιν τὴν
ἐαυτῶν δεδουλωμένοις ἐπιτίθεσθαι.” ἐρομένου δὲ
αὐτὸν τοῦ βασιλέως, πῶς ἀν βεβαίως καὶ

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think he deserves to die many times for thus trying to usurp my rights?" "Nay, but my answer, O king, was suggested not by any wish to condone his offence, but rather to mete out to him a punishment which will wear him out. For if he lives with this disease of impotence on him, and can never take pleasure in eating or drinking, nor in the spectacles which delight you and your companions, and if his heart will throb as he often leaps up in his sleep, as they say is particularly the case of people in love,—is there any form of consumption so wasting as this, any form of hunger so likely to enfeeble his bowels? Indeed, unless he be one of those who are ready to live at any price, he will entreat you, O king, before long even to slay him, or he will slay himself, deeply deplored that he was not put to death straight away this very day."

Such was the answer rendered on this occasion by Apollonius, one so wise and humane, that the king was moved by it to spare the life of his eunuch.

XXXVII

ONE day the king was going to hunt the animals in the parks in which the barbarians keep lions and bears and leopards, and he asked Apollonius to accompany him on the chase, but the latter replied : " You have forgotten, O king, that I never attend you, even when you are sacrificing. And moreover, it is no pleasure to me to attack animals that have been ill-treated and enslaved in violation of their nature." And the king asking him what was the most stable and secure way of governing, Apollonius answered :

CHAP.
XXXVII
Apollonius
composes
the king's
quarrel
with the
Romans
over certain
frontier
villages

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CAP. XXXVII ἀσφαλῶς ἄρχοι, “πολλούς,” ἔφη, “τειμῶν. πιστεύων δὲ ὀλίγοις” πρεσβευομένου δέ ποτε τοῦ τῆς Συρίας ἄρχοντος περὶ κωμῶν, οἵματ, δύο προσοίκων τῷ Ζεύγματι, καὶ φάσκοντος ὑπακηκοέναι μὲν αὐτὰς Ἀντιόχῳ καὶ Σελεύκῳ πάλαι. νῦν δὲ ὑπ’ αὐτῷ εἶναι Ῥωμαίοις προσηκούσας, καὶ τοὺς μὲν Ἀραβίους τε καὶ Ἀρμενίους μὴ ἐνοχλεῖν τὰς κώμας, αὐτὸν δὲ ὑπερβαίνοντα τοσαύτην γῆν καρποῦσθαι σφᾶς, ὡς αὐτοῦ μᾶλλον ἡ Ῥωμαίων οὔσας, μεταστησάμενος ὁ βασιλεὺς τοὺς πρέσβεις “τὰς μὲν κώμας ταύτας,” ἔφη, “Ἀπολλώνιε, ξυνεχώρησαν τοῖς ἐμοῖς προγόνοις οἱ βασιλεῖς, οὓς εἴπουν, τροφῆς ἔνεκα τῶν θηρίων, ἢ παρ’ ἥμιν ἀλισκόμενα φοιτᾶ ἐς τὴν ἐκείνων διὰ τοῦ Εὐφράτου, οἱ δ’, ὥσπερ ἐκλαθόμενοι τούτου καινῶν τε καὶ ἀδίκων ἅπτονται. τίς οὖν φαίνεται σοι τῆς πρεσβείας ὁ νοῦς;” “μέτριος, ὡς βασιλεὺς,” ἔφη, “καὶ ἐπιεικής, εἰ, ἢ δύνανται καὶ ἄκοντος ἔχειν ἐν τῇ ἑαυτῶν ὅντα, βούλονται παρ’ ἐκόντος εὑρίσκεσθαι μᾶλλον.” προσετίθει δὲ καὶ τὸ μὴ δεῖν ὑπὲρ κωμῶν, ὃν μείζους κέκτηνται τάχα καὶ ἴδιωται, διαφέρεσθαι πρὸς Ῥωμαίους, καὶ πόλεμον οὐδ’ ὑπὲρ μεγάλων αἱρεσθαι. νοσοῦντι δὲ τῷ βασιλεῖ παρών, τοσαῦτά τε καὶ οὕτω θεῖα περὶ ψυχῆς διεξῆλθεν, ὡς τὸν βασιλέα ἀναπνεῦσαι, καὶ πρὸς τοὺς παρόντας εἰπεῖν, ὅτι “Ἀπολλώνιος οὐκ ὑπὲρ τῆς βασιλείας μόνης ἀφροντιστεῖν εἴργασται με, ἀλλὰ καὶ ὑπὲρ τοῦ θανάτου.”

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“To respect many, and confide in few.” And CHAP.
XXXVII on one occasion the governor of Syria sent a mission about two villages, which, I think, are close to the Bridge, alleging that these villages had long ago been subject to Antiochus and Seleucus, but at present they were under his sway, and belonged to the Romans, and that, whereas the Arabians and Armenians did not disturb these villages, yet the king had traversed so great a distance in order to exploit them, as if they belonged to himself, rather than to the Romans. The king sent the embassy aside, and said : “O Apollonius, these villages were given to my forefathers by the kings whom I mentioned, that they might sustain the wild animals, which are taken by us in our country and sent to theirs across the Euphrates, and they, as if they had forgotten this fact, have espoused a policy that is new and unjust. What then do you think are the intentions of the embassy ?” Apollonius replied : “Their intention, O king, is moderate and fair, seeing that they only desire to obtain from you, with your consent, places which, as they are in their territory, they can equally well retain without it.” And he added his opinion, that it was a mistake to quarrel with the Romans over villages so paltry that probably bigger ones were owned even by private individuals ; he also said that it was a mistake to go to war even over large issues. And when the king was ill he visited him, and discoursed so weightily and in such a lofty strain about the soul, that the king recovered, and said to his courtiers, that Apollonius had so wrought upon him that he now felt a contempt, not only for his kingdom but also for death.

XXXVIII

CAP.
XXXVIII Τὴν δὲ σήραγγα τὴν ὑπὸ τῷ Εὐφράτῃ δεικνύντος
αὐτῷ ποτε τοῦ βασιλέως καὶ “τί σοι φαίνεται τὸ
θαῦμα;” εἰπόντος, καταβάλλων τὴν τερατουργίαν
ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος “θαῦμα ἀν ἦν, ὡς βασιλεῦ,” ἔφη,
“εἰ διὰ τοῦ ποταμοῦ βαθέος οὗτος καὶ ἀπόρου
ὄντος πεζῇ ἐβαδίζετε.” δείξαντος δὲ καὶ τὰ ἐν
Ἐκβατάνοις τείχη καὶ θεῶν φάσκουτος ταῦτα
εἶναι οἰκησιν “θεῶν μὲν οὐκ ἔστιν ὅλως οἰκησις,”
εἶπεν, “εἰ δὲ ἀνδρῶν οὐκ οἶδα· ἡ γὰρ Λακεδαιμο-
νίων, ὡς βασιλεῦ, πόλις ἀτείχιστος ὥκισται.” καὶ
μὴν καὶ δίκην τινὰ δικάσαντος αὐτοῦ κώμαις καὶ
μεγαλοφρονουμένου πρὸς τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον, ὡς
δυοῖν ἡμερῶν ἡκροαμένος εἴη τῆς δίκης “βραδέως
γ’,” ἔφη, “τὸ δίκαιον εὑρεῖς.” χρημάτων δὲ ἐκ
τῆς ὑπηκόου φοιτησάντων ποτὲ ἀθρόων, ἀνοίξας
τοὺς θησαυροὺς ἐδείκνυ τῷ ἀνδρὶ τὰ χρήματα,
ὑπαγόμενος αὐτὸν ἐς ἐπιθυμίαν πλούτου, ὁ δὲ
οὐδὲν ὡν εἰδε θαυμάσας “σοὶ ταῦτα,” ἔφη, “ὡς
βασιλεῦ, χρήματα, ἐμοὶ δὲ ἄχυρα.” “τί ἀν οὖν,”
ἔφη, “πράττων καλῶς αὐτοῖς χρησαίμην;”
“χρώμενος,” ἔφη, “βασιλεὺς γὰρ εἰ.”

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XXXVIII

ONE day the king was showing to him the grotto under the Euphrates, and asked him what he thought of so wonderful a thing. Apollonius in answer belittled the wonder of the work, and said : " It would be a real miracle, O king, if you went dry-shod through a river as deep as this and as unfordable." And when he was shown the walls of Ecbatana, and was told that they were the dwelling-place of gods, he remarked : " They are not the dwelling-place of gods at all, and I am not sure that they are of real men either ; for, O king, the inhabitants of the city of Lacedaemon do not dwell within walls, and have never fortified their city." Moreover, on one occasion the king had decided a suit for some villages and was boasting to Apollonius of how he had listened to the one suit for two whole days. " Well," said the other, " you took a mighty long time, anyhow, to find out what was just." And when the revenues from the subject country came in on one occasion in great quantities at once, the king opened his treasury and showed his wealth to the sage, to induce him to fall in love with wealth ; but he admired nothing that he saw and said : " This, for you, O king, represents wealth, but to me it is mere chaff." " How, then," said the other, " and in what manner can I best make use of it ? " " By spending it," he said, " for you are a king."

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He belittles
the king's
palaces and
wealth

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XXXIX

CAP.
XXXIX Πολλὰ τοιαῦτα πρὸς τὸν βασιλέα εἰπὼν καὶ τυχών αὐτοῦ προθύμου πράττειν ἀξινεβούλευεν, ἔτι καὶ τῆς πρὸς τοὺς μάγους ξυνουσίας ἵκανῶς ἔχων “ἄγε, ὡ Δάμι,” ἔφη, “ἐς Ἰνδοὺς ἴωμεν. οἱ μὲν γὰρ τοῖς Λωτοφάγοις προσπλεύσαντες ἀπήγοντο τῶν οἰκείων ἥθων ὑπὸ τοῦ βρώματος, ἡμεῖς δὲ μὴ γενόμενοί τινος τῶν ἐνταῦθα καθήμεθα πλείω χρόνου τοῦ εἰκότος τε καὶ ξυμμέτρου.” “κάμοι,” ἔφη ὁ Δάμις, “ὑπερδοκεῖ ταῦτα· ἐπεὶ δὲ ἐνεθυμούμην τὸν χρόνον, διν ἐν τῇ λεαίνῃ διεσκέψω, περιέμενον ἀνυσθῆναι αὐτόν· οὕπω μὲν οὖν ἔξήκει πᾶς, ἐνιαυτὸς γὰρ ἡμῖν ἥδη καὶ μῆνες τέτταρες· εἰ δὲ ἥδη κομιζούμεθα, εὐν ἀν ἔχοι;” “οὐδὲ ἀνήσει ἡμᾶς,” ἔφη, “ὦ Δάμι, ὁ βασιλεὺς πρότερον ἦτὸν ὅγδοον τελευτῆσαι μῆνα· χρηστὸν γάρ που ὄρᾶς αὐτὸν καὶ κρείττω ἡ βαρβάρων ἄρχειν.”

XL

CAP.
XL 'Επεὶ δὲ ἀπαλλάττεσθαι λοιπὸν ἐδόκει καὶ ξυνεχώρησέ ποτε ὁ βασιλεὺς ἀπιέναι, ἀνεμιήσθη τῶν δωρεῶν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, ἀς ἀνεβάλλετο ἐς τ' ἄν φίλοι αὐτῷ γένωνται, καί “ὦ βέλτιστε,” ἔφη, “βασιλεῦ, τὸν ξένον οὐδὲν εὐ πεποίηκα καὶ μισθὸν ὀφείλω τοῖς μάγοις· σὺ οὖν ἐπιμελήθητι αὐτῶν καὶ τούμὸν προθυμήθητι περὶ ἄνδρας σοφούς τε καὶ σοὶ σφόδρα εὔνους.” ὑπερησθεὶς

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XXXIX

He had addressed many such sayings to the king, CHAP.
and found him ready to do what he advised him; XXXIX
when finding that he had had enough of the society of
the Magi, he said to Damis: "Come, let us start for
India. For the people who visited the lotus-eaters
in their ships were seduced from their own home-
principles by the food; and we without tasting any
of the victuals of this land, have remained here a
longer time than is right and fitting." "And I,"
said Damis, "am more than of your opinion; but as
I bore in mind the period of time which you
discovered by the help of the lioness, I was waiting
on for it to be completed. Now it has not yet all of
it expired, for we have so far only spent a year and
four months; however, if we can depart at once,
it would be as well." "But," said the other, "the
king will not let us go, O Damis, before the eighth
month has passed; for you, I think, see that he is a
worthy man and too superior a person to be ruling
over barbarians."

Is impatient
to go on to
India, but
has to stay
a year and
eight
months in
Babylon

XL

WHEN at last they were resolved on their departure CHAP.
and the king had consented that they should go XL
away, Apollonius remembered the presents, which The king
he had put off till he should have acquired friends, equips them
and he said: "O excellent king, I have in no way
remunerated my host and I owe a reward to the
Magi; do you therefore attend to them, and oblige
me by bestowing your favours on men who are both
wise and wholly devoted to yourself." The king then
travel

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CAP. οὖν ὁ βασιλεύς “τούτους μὲν αὔριον ζηλωτούς,”
XL ἔφη, “καὶ μεγάλων ἡξιωμένους ἀποδείξω σοι,
σὺ δὲ ἐπεὶ μηδενὸς δέη τῶν ἐμῶν, ἀλλὰ τούτοις
γε ἔνγχώρησον χρήματα παρ’ ἐμοῦ λαβεῖν καὶ
ὅ τι βούλονται,” τοὺς ἀμφὶ τὸν Δάμιν δείξας.
ἀποστραφέντων οὖν κάκείνων τὸν λόγον τούτον
“όρᾶς,” ἔφη, “ὦ βασιλεῦ, τὰς ἐμὰς χεῖρας, ὡς
πολλαὶ τέ εἰσι καὶ ἀλλήλαις ὅμοιαι;” “σὺ δὲ
ἀλλὰ ἡγεμόνα ἄγου,” ὁ βασιλεὺς ἔφη, “καὶ καμῆ-
λους, ἐφ’ ὃν ὀχήσεσθε, τὸ γὰρ μῆκος τῆς ὁδοῦ
κρείττον ἡ βαδίσαι πᾶσαν.” “γιγνέσθω,” ἔφη, “ὦ
βασιλεῦ, τοῦτο, φασὶ γὰρ τὴν ὁδὸν ἄπορον εἶναι
μὴ οὕτως ὀχουμένῳ, καὶ ἄλλως τὸ ζῷον εὔσιτόν τε
καὶ ῥάδιον βόσκειν, ὅπου μὴ χιλὸς εἴη. καὶ ὕδωρ
δέ, οἷμαι, χρὴ ἐπισιτίσασθαι καὶ ἀπάγειν αὐτὸν ἐν
ἀσκοῖς, ὥσπερ τὸν οἶνον.” “τριῶν ἡμερῶν,” ἔφη
ὁ βασιλεύς, “ἄνυδρος ἡ χώρα, μετὰ ταῦτα δὲ πολλὴ
ἀφθονία ποταμῶν τε καὶ πηγῶν, βαδίζειν δὲ δεῖ
τὴν ἐπὶ Καυκάσου, τὰ γὰρ ἐπιτήδεια ἀφθονα καὶ
φίλη ἡ χώρα.” ἐρομένου δὲ αὐτὸν τοῦ βασιλέως ὅ
τι αὐτῷ ἀπάξει ἐκεῦθεν “χαρίεν,” ἔφη, “ὦ βασιλεῦ,
δῶρον ἦν γὰρ ἡ συνουσία τῶν ἀνδρῶν σοφώτερον
με ἀποφήνῃ, βελτίων ἀφίξομαι σοι ἡ νῦν εἰμι.”
περιέβαλεν ὁ βασιλεὺς ταῦτα εἰπόντα καὶ
“ἀφίκοιο,” εἶπε, “τὸ γὰρ δῶρον μέγα.”

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was more than delighted, and said : "I will show you CHAP.
to-morrow how much I value them and what great XL
rewards I hold them to have earned ; but since you ask
for nothing that is mine, I hope you will at least
allow these gentlemen to accept from me whatever
money they like," and he pointed to Damis and his
companions. And when they too declined the offer,
Apollonius said : " You see, O king, how many hands
I have, and how closely they resemble one another."
" But do you anyhow take a guide," said the king,
" and camels on which to ride ; for the road is too
long by far for you to walk the whole of it." " Be
it so," said Apollonius, " O king : for they say that
the road is a difficult one for him who is not so
mounted, and moreover this animal is easily fed and
finds his pasture easily where there is no fodder.
And, methinks, we must lay in a supply of water
also and take it in bottles, like wine." " Yes,"
said the king, " for three days the country is
waterless, but after that there are plenty of rivers
and springs ; but you must take the road over the
Caucasus, for there you will find plenty of the
necessities of life and the country is friendly." And
the king then asked him what he would bring back
to him from his destination ; and he answered : " A
graceful gift, O king, for if I am turned into a
wiser man by the society of people yonder, I shall
return to you here a better man than I now am."
When he said this the king embraced him and said :
" May you come back, for that will indeed be a
great gift."

BOOK II

B'

I

CAP. ^I Ἐντεῦθεν ἐξελαύνουσι περὶ τὸ θέρος αὐτοί τε
δόχούμενοι καὶ ὁ ἡγεμών, ἵπποκόμος δὲ ἦν τῶν
καμήλων καὶ τὰ ἐπιτήδεια, ὅπόσων ἐδέοντο, ἦν
ἄφθονα βασιλέως δόντος, ἢ τε χώρα, δι' ἣς ἐπο-
ρεύοντο, εὺ ἔπραττεν, ἐδέχοντο δὲ αὐτοὺς αἱ κῶμαι
θεραπεύουσαι· χρυσοῦ γὰρ ψάλιον ἢ πρώτη
κάμηλος ἐπὶ τοῦ μετώπου ἔφερε, γυγνώσκειν τοῖς
ἐντυγχάνουσιν, ώς πέμποι τινὰ ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν
ἐαυτοῦ φίλων. προσιόντες δὲ τῷ Καυκάσῳ φασὶν
εὐωδεστέρας τῆς γῆς αἰσθέσθαι.

II

CAP. ^{II} Τὸ δὲ ὅρος τοῦτο ἀρχὴν ποιώμεθα Ταύρου τοῦ
δι' Ἀρμενίας τε καὶ Κιλίκων ἐπὶ Παμφύλους
καὶ Μυκάλην στείχοντος, ἢ τελευτῶσα ἐς
θάλατταν, ἦν Κάρες οἰκοῦσι, τέρμα τοῦ Καυ-
κάσου νομίζοιτ' ἄν, ἀλλ' οὐχ, ώς ἔνιοι φασιν,
ἀρχὴ τό τε γὰρ τῆς Μυκάλης ὕψος οὕπω
μέγα καὶ αἱ ὑπερβολαὶ τοῦ Καυκάσου τοσοῦτον
ἀνεστᾶσιν, ώς σχίζεσθαι περὶ αὐτὰς τὸν ἥλιον.
περιβάλλει δὲ Ταύρῳ ἑτέρῳ καὶ τὴν ὅμορον τῇ

BOOK II

I

IN the summer our travellers, together with their CHAP.
guide, left Babylon and started out, mounted on I
camels; and the king had supplied them with a ^{They quit} Babylon
camel-driver, and plenty of provisions, as much as they wanted. The country through which they travelled was fertile; and the villages received them very respectfully, for the leading camel bore upon his forehead a chain of gold, to intimate to all who met them that the king was sending on their way some of his own friends. And as they approached the Caucasus they say that they found the land becoming more fragrant.

II

WE may regard this mountain as the beginning of CHAP.
the Taurus which extends through Armenia and II
Cilicia as far as Pamphylia and Mycale, and it ends ^{The ranges}
at the sea on the shore of which the Carians live, ^{of Caucasus}
and this we may regard as the extreme end of the ^{and Taurus}
Caucasus, and not as its beginning, as some people say. For the height of Mycale is not very great, whereas the peaks of the Caucasus are so lofty that the sun is cloven asunder by them. And it encompasses with the rest of the Taurus the whole of

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CAP. Ινδική Σκυθίαν πᾶσαν κατὰ Μαιῶτίν τε καὶ
II ἀριστερὸν Πόντου, σταδίων μάλιστα δισμυρίων
μῆκος, τοσοῦτον γὰρ ἐπέχει μέτρον τῆς γῆς
ό ἀγκῶν τοῦ Καυκάσου· τὸ δὲ περὶ τοῦ ἐν τῇ
ἡμεδαπῇ Ταύρου λεγόμενου, ως ὑπὲρ τὴν Ἀρ-
μενίαν πορεύοιτο, χρόνῳ ἀπιστηθὲν πιστοῦνται
λοιπὸν αἱ παρδάλεις, ἃς οἶδα ἀλισκομένας ἐν
τῇ Παμφύλων ἀρωματοφόρῳ. χαίρουσι γὰρ
τοῖς ἀρώμασι, κὰκ πολλοῦ τὰς ὁσμὰς ἔλκουσαι
φοιτῶσιν ἐξ Ἀρμενίας διὰ τῶν ὄρῶν πρὸς
τὸ δάκρυον τοῦ στύρακος, ἐπειδὰν οἵ τε ἄνεμοι
ἀπ' αὐτοῦ πνεύσωσι καὶ τὰ δένδρα ὀπώδη
γένηται. καὶ ἀλῶναι ποτέ φασιν ἐν τῇ Παμφυλίᾳ
πάρδαλιν στρεπτῷ ἄμα, διν περὶ τῇ δέρῃ ἔφερε,
χρυσοῦς δὲ ἥν καὶ ἐπεγέγραπτο Ἀρμενίοις γράμ-
μασι ΒΑΣΙΛΕΤΣ ΑΡΣΑΚΗΣ ΘΕΩΙ ΝΤΣΙΩΙ.
Βασιλεὺς μὲν δὴ Ἀρμενίας τότε ἦν Ἀρσάκης, καὶ
αὐτός, οἰμαι, ἴδων τὴν πάρδαλιν ἀνήκε τῷ Διονύσῳ
διὰ μέγεθος τοῦ θηρίου. Νύσιος γὰρ ὁ Διόνυσος
ἀπὸ τῆς ἐν Ἰνδοῖς Νύσης Ἰνδοῖς τε ὀνομάζεται
καὶ πᾶσι τοῖς πρὸς ἀκτῖνα ἔθνεσιν. ἡ δὲ χρόνον
μέν τινα ὑπεξεύχθη ἀνθρώπῳ, καὶ χεῖρα ἡνέσχετο
ἐπαφωμένην τε καὶ καταψώσαν, ἐπεὶ δὲ ἀνοί-
στρησεν αὐτὴν ἔαρ, ὅτε δὴ ἀφροδισίων ἥττους καὶ
παρδάλεις, ἀνέθορεν ἐς τὰ ὅρη πόθῳ ἀρσένων, ως
εἶχε τοῦ κόσμου, καὶ ἥλω περὶ τὸν κάτω Ταύρου
ὑπὸ τοῦ ἀρώματος ἐλχθεῖσα. ὁ δὲ Καύκασος
όριζει μὲν τὴν Ἰνδικήν τε καὶ Μηδικήν, καθήκει
δὲ ἐπὶ τὴν Ἐρυθρὰν θάλατταν ἐτέρῳ ἀγκῶνι.

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Scythia which borders on India, and skirts Maeotis CHAP.
and the left side of Pontus, a distance almost of ^{II}
20,000 stades ; for no less than this is the extent of
land enclosed by the elbow of the Caucasus. As to the
statement made about such part of the Taurus as is in
our own country, to the effect that it projects beyond
Armenia,—it was long disbelieved, but has received
definite confirmation from the conduct of the pards, ^{On leopards}
which I know are caught in the spice-bearing
region of Pamphylia. For these animals delight in
fragrant odours, and scenting their smell from afar
off they quit Armenia and traverse the mountains
in search of the tear or gum of the Styx, whenever
the winds blow from its quarter and the trees are
distilling. And they say that a pard was once
caught in Pamphylia which was wearing a chain
round its neck, and the chain was of gold, and on
it was inscribed in Armenian lettering : “The king ^{Armenian}
Arsaces to the Nysian god.” Now the king of ^{inscription}
Armenia was certainly at that time Arsaces, and he, ^{on a}
I imagine, finding the pard, had let it go free in ^{leopard's}
honour of Dionysus because of its size. For ^{collar}
Dionysus is called Nysian by the Indians and by
all the Oriental races from Nysa in India. And this
animal had been for a time under the restraint of
man, and would let you pat it with your hand and
caress it ; but when it was goaded to excitement by
the springtime, for in that season the pards begin to
rut, it would rush into the mountains, from longing
to meet the male, decked as it was with the ring ; and
it was taken in the lower Taurus whither it had been
attracted by the fragrance of the gum. And the
Caucasus bounds India and Media, and stretches
down by another arm to the Red Sea.

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III

CAP.
III Μυθολογεῖται δὲ ὑπὸ τῶν βαρβάρων τὸ ὅρος, ἃ καὶ "Ελληνες ἐπ' αὐτῷ ἄδουσι, ὡς Προμηθεὺς μὲν ἐπὶ φιλανθρωπίᾳ δεθείη ἔκει, Ἡρακλῆς δὲ ἔτερος, οὐ γὰρ τὸν Θηβαῖόν γε βούλονται, μὴ ἀνάσχοιτο τοῦτο, ἀλλὰ τοξεύσει τὸν ὅρνιν, ὃν ἔβοσκε ὁ Προμηθεὺς τοῖς σπλάγχνοις δεθῆναι δὲ αὐτὸν οἱ μὲν ἐν ἄντρῳ φασίν, ὃ δὴ ἐν πρόποδι τοῦ ὅρου δείκνυνται, καὶ δεσμὰ ὁ Δάμις ἀνήφθαι τῶν πετρῶν λέγει οὐ ράδια ξυμβαλεῖν τὴν ὥλην, οἱ δὲ ἐρ κορυφῆ τοῦ ὅρους· δικόρυυμβος δὲ ἡ κορυφὴ καὶ φασιν, ὡς τὰς χείρας ἀπ' αὐτῶν ἐδέθη διαλειπουσῶν οὐ μείον ἡ στάδιον, τοσοῦτος γὰρ εἶναι τὸν δὲ ὅρνιν τὸν ἀετὸν οἱ τῷ Καυκάσῳ προσοικοῦντες ἔχθρὸν ἥγοῦνται καὶ καλιάς γε, ὅπόσας ἐν τοῖς πάγοις οἱ ἀετοὶ ποιοῦνται, καταπιμπρᾶσιν ἴέντες βέλη πυρφόρα, θήρατρά τε ἐπ' αὐτοὺς ἵστανται τιμωρεῦν τῷ Προμηθεῖ φάσκοντες· ὡδὲ γὰρ τοῦ μύθου ἥπτηνται.

IV

CAP.
IV Παραμείψαντες δὲ τὸν Καύκασον τετραπήχεις ἀνθρώπους ἰδεῖν φασιν, οὓς ἥδη μελαίνεσθαι, καὶ πενταπήχεις δὲ ἔτέρους ὑπὲρ τὸν Ἰνδὸν ποταμὸν ἐλθόντες. ἐν δὲ τῇ μέχρι τοῦ ποταμοῦ τούτου

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AND legends are told of this mountain by the barbarians, which also have an echo in the poems of the Greeks about it, to the effect that Prometheus, because of his love of man, was bound there, and that Hercules,—another Hercules and not the Theban is meant,—could not brook the ill-treatment of Prometheus, and shot the bird which was feeding upon his entrails. And some say that he was bound in a cave, which as a matter of fact is shown in a foot-hill of the mountain : and Damis says that his chains still hung from the rocks, though you could not easily guess at the material of which they were made, but others say that they bound him on the peak of the mountain ; and it has two summits, and they say that his hands were lashed to them, although they are distant from one another not less than a stade,¹ so great was his bulk. But the inhabitants of the Caucasus regard the eagle as a hostile bird, and burn out the nests which they build among the rocks by hurling into them fiery darts, and they also set snares for them, declaring that they are avenging Prometheus ; to such an extent are their imaginations dominated by the fable.

CHAP.
III

Legend of
Prometheus
and the
eagle

IV

HAVING passed the Caucasus our travellers say they saw men four cubits high, and that they were already black, and that when they passed over the river Indus they saw others five cubits high. But on their way to this river our wayfarers found the

CHAP.
IV

A hobgoblin
visits the
voyagers

¹ 606 English feet.

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CAP. ὁδοιπορίᾳ τάδε εὑρου ἀφηγήσεως ἄξια· ἐπορεύοντο
IV μὲν γὰρ ἐν σελήνῃ λαμπρᾶ, φάσμα δὲ αὐτοῖς ἐμ-
πούσης ἐνέπεσε, τὸ δεῦνα γινομένη καὶ τὸ δεῦνα αὖ
καὶ οὐδὲν εἶναι, ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος ξυνῆκεν, ὃ τι
εἴη, καὶ αὐτός τε ἐλοιδορεῦτο τῇ ἐμπούσῃ, τοῖς τε
ἀμφ' αὐτὸν προσέταξε ταῦτὸ πράττειν, ταυτὶ γὰρ
ἄκος εἶναι τῆς προσβολῆς ταύτης· καὶ τὸ φάσμα
φυγῇ φύχετο τετρυγός, ὥσπερ τὰ εἰδωλα.

V

CAP. Κορυφὴν δ' ὑπερβάλλοντες τοῦ ὅρους καὶ βαδί-
ζοντες αὐτήν, ἐπειδὴ ἀποτόμως εἶχεν, ἤρετο οὐτω-
σὶ τὸν Δάμιν· “εἰπέ μοι,” ἔφη, “ποῦ χθὲς ἦμεν;”
ό δέ “ἐν τῷ πεδίῳ,” ἔφη. “τήμερον δέ, ὡ Δάμι,
ποῦ;” “ἐν τῷ Καυκάσῳ,” εἶπεν, “εἰ μὴ ἐμαυτοῦ
ἐκλέλησμαι.” “πότε οὖν κάτω μᾶλλον ἦσθα;”
πάλιν ἤρετο, ο δέ “τουτὶ μέν,” ἔφη, “οὐδὲ ἐπερω-
τᾶν ἄξιον χθὲς μὲν γὰρ διὰ κοίλης τῆς γῆς ἐπο-
ρευόμεθα, τήμερον δὲ πρὸς τῷ οὐρανῷ ἐσμέν.”
“οἴει οὖν,” ἔφη, “ὡ Δάμι, τὴν μὲν χθὲς ὁδοιπορίαν
κάτω εἶναι, τὴν δὲ τήμερον ἄνω;” “νὴ Δὲ,” εἶπεν,
“εἰ μὴ μαίνομαι γε.” “τί οὖν ἡγῇ,” ἔφη, “παραλ-
λάττειν τὰς ὁδοὺς ἀλλήλων ἢ τί τήμερον πλέον
εἶναι σοι τοῦ χθές;” “ὅτι χθές,” ἔφη, “ἐβάδιζον
οὐπερ πολλοί, σήμερον δέ, οὐπερ ὄλιγοι.” “τί

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following incidents worthy of notice. For they were CHAP.
travelling by bright moonlight, when the figure of IV
an *empusa* or hobgoblin appeared to them, that changed from one form into another, until finally it vanished into nothing. And Apollonius realised what it was, and himself heaped abuse on the hobgoblin and instructed his party to do the same, saying that this was the right remedy for such a visitation. And the phantasm fled away shrieking even as ghosts do.

V

AND as they were passing over the summit of the CHAP.
mountain, going on foot, for it was very steep, V
Apollonius asked of Damis the following question. Discussion
“Tell me,” he said, “where we were yesterday.”
with Damis
And he replied: “On the plain.” “And to-day, O about
Damis, where are we?” “In the Caucasus,” said mountain-
he, “if I mistake not.” “Then when were you eering and
lower down than you are now?” he asked again, and religion
Damis replied: “That’s a question hardly worth asking. For yesterday we were travelling through the valley below, while to-day we are close up to heaven.” “Then you think,” said the other, “O Damis, that our road yesterday lay low down, whereas our road to-day lies high up?” “Yes, by Zeus,” he replied, “unless at least I’m mad.” “In what respect then,” said Apollonius, “do you suppose that our roads differ from one another, and what advantage has to-day’s path for you over that of yesterday?” “Because,” said Damis, “yesterday I was walking along where a great many people go, but to-day, where are very few.” “Well,” said the other, “O

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CAP. γάρ,” ἔφη, “ ὁ Δάμι, οὐ καὶ τὰς ἐν ἀστει λεωφόρους ἐκτρέπομένῳ βαδίζειν ἐστὶν ἐν ὀλίγοις τῶν ἀνθρώπων; ” “ οὐ τοῦτο, ” ἔφη, “ εἰπον, ἀλλ’ ὅτι χθὲς μὲν διὰ κωμῶν ἐκομιζόμεθα καὶ ἀνθρώπων, σήμερον δὲ ἀστιβές τι ἀναβαίνομεν χωρίον καὶ θεῖον, ἀκούεις γὰρ τοῦ ἡγεμόνος, ὅτι οἱ βάρβαροι θεῶν αὐτὸ ποιοῦνται οἰκον, ” καὶ ἄμα ἀνέβλεπεν ἐς τὴν κορυφὴν τοῦ ὅρους. ὁ δὲ ἐμβιβάζων αὐτὸν ἐς δὲ ἔξ ἀρχῆς ἥρωτα “ ἔχεις οὖν εἰπεῖν, ὁ Δάμι, ὅτι ξυνῆκας τοῦ θείου βαδίζων ἀγχοῦ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ; ” “ οὐδέν, ” ἔφη. “ καὶ μὴν ἐχρῆν γε, ” εἰπεν, “ ἐπὶ μηχανῆς τηλικαύτης καὶ θείας οὕτως ἐστηκότα περὶ τε τοῦ οὐρανοῦ σαφεστέρας ἥδη ἐκφέρειν δόξας περὶ τε τοῦ ἡλίου καὶ τῆς σελήνης, ὃν γε καὶ ῥάβδῳ ἵσως ἡγῇ ψαύσειν προσεστηκὼς τῷ οὐρανῷ τούτῳ. ” “ ἀ χθές, ” ἔφη, “ περὶ τοῦ θείου ἐγίγνωσκον, γιγνώσκω καὶ τήμερον, καὶ οὕπω μοι ἐτέρα προσέπεσε περὶ αὐτοῦ δόξα. ” “ οὐκοῦν, ” ἔφη, “ ὁ Δάμι, κάτω τυγχάνεις ὃν ἔτι, καὶ οὐδὲν παρὰ τοῦ ὑψους εἴληφας, ἀπέχεις τε τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ὡπόσον χθές· καὶ εἰκότως σε ἥρόμην, ἀ ἐν ἀρχῇ σὺ γὰρ φόν γελοίως ἐρωτᾶσθαι. ” “ καὶ μήν, ” ἔφη, “ καταβήσεσθαι γε σοφώτερος φύμην ἀκούων, Ἀπολλώνιε, τὸν μὲν Κλαζομένιον Ἀναξαγόραν ἀπὸ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωνίαν Μίμαντος ἐπεσκέφθαι τὰ ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ, Θαλῆν τε τὸν Μιλάσιον ἀπὸ τῆς



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Damis, can you not also in a city turn out of the CHAP.
main street and walk where you will find very few
people?" "I did not say that," replied Damis,
"but that yesterday we were passing through villages
and populations, whereas to-day we are ascending
through an untrodden and divine region: for you
heard our guide say that the barbarians declare this
tract to be the home of the gods." And with that
he glanced up to the summit of the mountain. But
Apollonius recalled his attention to the original
question by saying: "Can you tell me then, O
Damis, what understanding of divine mystery you
get by walking so near the heavens?" "None
whatever," he replied. "And yet you ought," said
Apollonius. "When your feet are placed on a
platform so divine and vast as this, you ought at once
to utter thoughts of the clearest kind about the
heaven and about the sun and moon, which you
probably think you could touch from a vantage
ground so close to heaven." "Whatever," said
he, "I knew about God's nature yesterday, I
equally know to-day, and so far no fresh idea has
occurred to me concerning him." "So then,"
replied the other, "you are, O Damis, still below,
and have won nothing from being high up, and
you are as far from heaven as you were yesterday.
And my question which I asked you to begin with was
a fair one, although you thought that I asked it in order
to make fun of you." "The truth is," replied
Damis, "that I thought I should anyhow go down
from the mountain wiser than I came up it, because
I had heard, O Apollonius, that Anaxagoras of
Clazomenae observed the heavenly bodies from the
mountain Mimas in Ionia, and Thales of Miletus from

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CAP. προσοίκου Μυκάλης, λέγονται δὲ καὶ τῷ Παγγαίῳ
V ἔνιοι φροντιστηρίῳ χρήσασθαι καὶ ἔτεροι τῷ "Αθῷ.
ἔγὼ δὲ μέγιστον τούτων ἀνελθὼν ὕψος οὐδὲν
σοφώτερος ἑαυτοῦ καταβήσομαι." "οὐδὲ γὰρ
ἐκεῖνοι," ἔφη, "αἱ γὰρ τοιαίδε περιωπαὶ γλαυκό-
τερον μὲν τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀποφαίνουσι καὶ μείζους
τοὺς ἀστέρας καὶ τὸν ἥλιον ἀνίσχοντα ἐκ νυκτός,
ἀ καὶ ποιμέσιν ἥδη καὶ αἰπόλοις ἐστὶ δῆλα, ὅπη
δὲ τὸ θεῖον ἐπιμελεῖται τοῦ ἀνθρωπείου γένους
καὶ ὅπη χαίρει ὑπ' αὐτοῦ θεραπευόμενον, ὃ τί τε
ἀρετὴ καὶ ὅ τι δικαιοσύνη τε καὶ σωφροσύνη, οὕτε
"Αθως ἐκδείξει τοῖς ἀνελθοῦσιν οὔτε ὁ θαυμαζό-
μενος ὑπὸ τῶν ποιητῶν "Ολυμπος, εἰ μὴ διορφή¹
αὐτὰ ἡ ψυχή, ἦν, εἰ καθαρὰ καὶ ἀκίνητος αὐτῶν
ἀπτοιτο, πολλῷ μεῖζον ἔγωγ' ἀν φαίην ἄττειν
τουτοὺς τοῦ Καυκάσου."

VI

CAP. VI. 'Τπερβάντες δὲ τὸ ὅρος ἐντυγχάνουσιν ἐπ' ἐλε-
φάντων ἥδη ὀχουμένοις ἀνδράσιν, εἰσὶ δὲ οὗτοι
μέσοι Καυκάσου καὶ ποταμοῦ Κωφῆνος, ἄβιοί τε
καὶ ἵππόται τῆς ἀγέλης ταύτης, καὶ κάμηλοι δὲ
ἐνίους ἥγον, αἷς χρῶνται Ἰνδοὶ ἐς τὰ δρομικά,
πορεύονται δὲ χίλια στάδια τῆς ἡμέρας γόνυ
οὐδαμοῦ κάμψασαι. προσελάσας οὖν τῶν Ἰνδῶν
εἰς ἐπὶ καμῆλου τοιαύτης ἥρωτα τὸν ἡγεμόνα οἱ
στείχοιεν, ἐπεὶ δὲ τὸν νοῦν τῆς ἀποδημίας ἥκουσεν,
ἀπήγγειλε τοῖς νομάσιν, οἱ δὲ ἀνεβόησαν ὥσπερ

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Mycale which was close by his home ; and some are said to have used as their observatory mount Pangaeus and others Athos. But I have come up a greater height than any of these, and yet shall go down again no wiser than I was before." "For neither did they," replied Apollonius : "and such stargazings show you indeed a bluer heaven and bigger stars and the sun rising out of the night ; but all these phenomena were manifest long ago to shepherds and goatherds, but neither Athos will reveal to those who climb up it, nor Olympus, so much extolled by the poets, in what way God cares for the human race and how he delights to be worshipped by them, nor reveal the nature of virtue and of justice and temperance, unless the soul scans these matters narrowly, and the soul, I should say, if it engages on the task pure and undefiled, will soar much higher than this summit of Caucasus."

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VI

AND having passed beyond the mountain, they at once came upon elephants with men riding on them ; and these people dwell between the Caucasus and the river Cophen, and they are rude in their lives and their business is to tend the herds of elephants ; some of them however rode on camels, which are used by Indians for carrying despatches, and they will travel 1,000 stades a day without ever bending the knee or lying down anywhere. One of the Indians, then, who was riding on such a camel, asked the guide where they were going, and when he was told the object of their voyage, he informed the nomads

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CAP. ήσθέντες, ἐκέλευόν τε πλησίου ἥκειν καὶ ἀφικομένοις
VI οἰνόν τε ὥρεγον, δν ἀπὸ τῶν φοινίκων σοφίζονται
καὶ μέλι ἀπὸ ταύτοῦ φυτοῦ καὶ τεμάχη λεόντων
καὶ παρδάλεων, ὡν καὶ τὰ δέρματα νεόδαρτα ἡν
δεξάμενοι δὲ πλὴν τῶν κρεῶν πάντα ἀπῆλασαν
ἐς τοὺς Ἰνδοὺς καὶ ἔχώρουν πρὸς ἕω.

VII

CAP. Ἀριστοποιουμένων δὲ αὐτῶν πρὸς πηγῇ ὕδατος
VII ἐγχέας ὁ Δάμις τοῦ παρὰ τῶν Ἰνδῶν οἴνου “Διός,”
ἔφη, “Σωτῆρος ἦδε σοι, Ἀπολλώνιε, διὰ πολλοῦ
γε πίνοντι. οὐ γάρ, οἶμαι, παραιτήσῃ καὶ τοῦτον,
ῶσπερ τὸν ἀπὸ τῶν ἀμπέλων” καὶ ἄμα ἔσπεισεν,
ἐπειδὴ τοῦ Διὸς ἐπεμνήσθη. γελάσας οὖν ὁ
Ἀπολλώνιος “οὐ καὶ χρημάτων,” ἔφη, “ἀπεχό-
μεθα, ὡ Δάμι;” “νὴ Δι’,” εἶπεν, “ώς πολλαχοῦ
ἐπεδείξω.” “ἄρ’ οὖν,” ἔφη, “χρυσῆς μὲν δραχμῆς
καὶ ἀργυρᾶς ἀφεξόμεθα, καὶ οὐχ ἡττησόμεθα
τοιούτου νομίσματος, καίτοι κεχηνότας ἐς αὐτὸ^ν
όρωντες οὐκ ἴδιώτας μόνον, ἀλλὰ καὶ βασιλέας,
εἰ δὲ χαλκοῦν τις ὡς ἀργυροῦν ἢ ὑπόχρυσόν τε
καὶ κεκιβδηλευμένον ἡμῖν διδοίη, ληψόμεθα τοῦτο,
ἐπεὶ μὴ ἐκεῖνό ἐστιν, οὐ οἱ πολλοὶ γλίχονται; καὶ
μὴν καὶ νομίσματά ἐστιν Ἰνδοῖς ὀρειχάλκου τε καὶ
χαλκοῦ μέλανος, ὡν δεῖ δήπου πάντα ὠνεῖσθαι
πάντας ἥκοντας ἐς τὰ Ἰνδῶν ἥθη· τί οὖν; εἰ

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thereof; and they raised a shout of pleasure, and CHAP.
bade them approach, and when they came up they VI
offered them wine which they make out of palm
dates and honey from the same tree, and steaks from
the flesh of lions and leopards which they had just
flayed. And our travellers accepted everything
except the flesh, and then started off for India
and betook themselves eastwards.

VII

AND as they were taking breakfast by a spring of CHAP.
water, Damis poured out a cup of the Indians' wine,
and said: "Here's to you, Apollonius, on the part VII
of Zeus the Saviour; for it is a long time since you
have drunk any wine. But you will not, I am sure,
refuse this as you do wine that is made from the fruit of
the vine." And withal he poured out a libation, because
he had mentioned the name of Zeus. Apollonijs
then gave a laugh and said: "Do we not also abstain
from money, O Damis?" "Yes, by Zeus," said the
other, "as you have often intimated to us." "Shall
we then," said the other, "abstain from the use of a
golden drachma and of a silver piece, and be proof
against temptation by any such coin, although we
see not private individuals only, but kings as well,
agape for money, and then if anyone offers us a
brass coin for a silver one, or a gilded one and a
counterfeit, shall we accept it, merely because it is not
what it pretends to be, and what the many itch to have?
And to be sure the Indians have coins of orichalcus and
black brass, with which, I suppose, all who come to
the Indian haunts must purchase everything; what

Discussion
of palm
wine, and
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CAP. VII χρήματα ἡμῖν ὥρεγον οἱ χρηστοὶ νομάδες, ἀρ' ὡς Δάμι, παραιτούμενόν με ὄρῶν, ἐνουθέτεις τε καὶ ἐδίδασκες, ὅτι χρήματα μὲν ἐκεῖνά ἔστιν, ἀτὰς Ρωμαῖοις χαράττουσιν ἡ ὁ Μήδων βασιλεύς, ταυτὸν δὲ ὑλιτις ἑτέρα κεκομψευμένη τοῖς Ἰνδοῖς; καὶ ταῦτα πείσας τίνα ἀν τὴν ἡγήσω με; ἀρ' οὐ κίβδηλόν τε καὶ τὴν φιλοσοφίαν ἀποβεβληκότα μᾶλλον ἡ οἰ πονηροστρατιώται τὰς ἀσπίδας; καίτοι ἀσπίδος μὲν ἀποβληθείσης ἑτέρα γένοιτο ἀν τῷ ἀποβαλόντι κακίων οὐδὲν τῆς προτέρας, ὡς Ἀρχιλόχῳ δοκεῖ φιλοσοφία δὲ πῶς ἀνακτητέα τῷ γε ἀτιμάσαντι αὐτὴν καὶ ρίψαντι; καὶ νῦν μὲν ἀν ξυγγιγνώσκοι ὁ Διόνυσος οὐδενὸς οἴνου ἡττημένῳ, τὸν δὲ ἀπὸ τῶν φοινίκων εἰ πρὸ τοῦ ἀμπελίνου αἰροίμην, ἀχθέσεται, εὐ οἶδα, καὶ περιυβρίσθαι φήσει τὸ έαυτοῦ δῶρον. ἐσμὲν δὲ οὐ πόρρω τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ γὰρ τοῦ ἡγεμόνος ἀκούεις, ὡς πλησίον ἡ Νῦσα τὸ δῖος, ἐφ' οὐδὲ ὁ Διόνυσος πολλά, οἵμαι, καὶ θαυμαστὰ πράττει. καὶ μὴν καὶ τὸ μεθύειν, ὡς Δάμι, οὐκ ἐκ βοτρύων μόνων ἐσφοιτᾷ τοὺς ἀνθρώπους, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἀπὸ τῶν φοινίκων παραπλησίως ἐκβακχεύει· πολλοῖς γοῦν ἥδη τῶν Ἰνδῶν ἐνετύχομεν κατεσχημένοις τῷ οἴνῳ τούτῳ, καὶ οἱ μὲν ὀρχοῦνται πίπτοντες, οἱ δὲ ἃδουσιν ὑπονυστάζοντες, ὕσπερ οἱ παρ' ἡμῖν ἐκ πότου νύκτωρ τε καὶ οὐκ ἐν ὥρᾳ ἀναλύοντες. ὅτι δὲ οἰνον ἡγῆ καὶ τοῦτο τὸ πῶμα, δηλοῖς τῷ σπένδειν τε ἀπ' αὐτοῦ τῷ Διὶ καὶ ὅπόσα ἐπὶ οἴνῳ εὔχεσθαι. καὶ εἴρηται μοι, ὡς Δάμι, πρὸς σὲ ὑπέρ ἐμαυτοῦ ταῦτα· οὐτε γὰρ σὲ

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then? Supposing the nomads, good people as they are, offered us money, would you in that case, Damis,
VII
seeing me decline it, have advised me better and have explained, that what is coined by the Romans or by the king of Media is really money, whereas this is another sort of stuff only in vogue among the Indians? And what would you think of me, if you could persuade me of such things? Would you not think I was a cheat and abandoned my philosophy as thoroughly as cowardly soldiers do their shields? And yet, when you have thrown away your shield you can procure another that is quite as good as the first, in the opinion of Archilochus. But how can one who has dishonoured and cast away philosophy, ever recover her? And in this case Dionysus might well pardon one who refuses all wine whatever, but if I chose date-wine in preference to that made of grapes, he would be aggrieved, I am sure, and say that his gift had been scorned and flouted. And we are not far away from this god, for you hear the guide saying that the mountain of Nysa is close by, upon which Dionysus works, I believe, a great many miracles. Moreover, drunkenness, Damis, invades men not from drinking the wine of grapes alone, for they are equally roused to frenzy by date-wine. Anyhow we have seen a great many Indians overcome by this wine, some of them dancing till they fell, and others singing as they reeled about, just like the people among us, who indulge in drink of a night and not in season. And that you yourself regard this drink as genuine wine, is clear from the fact that you poured out a libation of it to Zeus and offered up the prayers which usually accompany wine. And this, Damis, is the defence which I have to make of

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CAP. τοῦ πίνειν ἀπάγοιμ' ἀν οὗτε τοὺς ὀπαδοὺς τούτου.
VII ξυγχωροίην δ' ἀν ὑμῖν καὶ κρεῶν σιτεῖσθαι, τὸ γὰρ
ἀπέχεσθαι τούτων ὑμῖν μὲν ἐς οὐδὲν ὄρῳ προβαῖ-
νον, ἐμαυτῷ δὲ· ἐς ἀ ώμολόγηταί μοι πρὸς φιλοσο-
φίαν ἐκ παιδός.” ἐδέξαντο τὸν λόγον τοῦτον αἱ
περὶ τὸν Δάμιν καὶ ἡσπάσαντο εὐωχεῖσθαι, ρᾶσι
ἡγούμενοι πορεύσεσθαι, ἦν ἀφθονώτερον διαι-
τῶνται.

VIII

CAP. Διαβάντες δὲ τὸν Κωφῆνα ποταμόν, αὐτοὶ μὲν
VIII ἐπὶ νεῶν, κάμηλοι δὲ πεζῇ τὸ ὕδωρ, ὁ γὰρ ποταμὸς
οὕπω μέγας, ἐγένοντο ἐν τῇ βασιλευομένῃ ἡπείρῳ,
ἐν ἣ ἀνατεῖνον πεφύτευται Νῦσα ὅρος ἐς κορυφὴν
ἄκραν, ὥσπερ ὁ ἐν Λυδίᾳ Τμῶλος, ἀναβαίνειν δὲ
αὐτὸν ἔξεστιν, ὀδοποιήται γὰρ ὑπὸ τοῦ γεωργεῖσθαι.
ἀνελθόντες οὖν ἵερῷ Διονύσου ἐντυχεῖν φασιν, ὁ
δὴ Διόνυσον ἔαυτῷ φυτεῦσαι δάφναις περιεστη-
κύίαις κύκλῳ, τοσοῦτον περιεχούσαις τῆς γῆς,
ὅσον ἀπόχρην νεῷ ξυμμέτρῳ, κιττόν τε περιβαλεῖν
αὐτὸν καὶ ἀμπέλους ταῖς δάφναις, ἄγαλμά τε
ἔαυτοῦ ἔνδον στήσασθαι, γιγνώσκοντα ὡς ξυμφύσει
τὰ δένδρα ὁ χρόνος καὶ δώσει τινὰ ἀπ' αὐτῶν
ὅροφον, δις οὕτω ξυμβέβληται νῦν, ὡς μήτε ὕεσθαι
τὸ ἱερὸν μήτ' ἀνέμῳ ἐσπνεῖσθαι. δρέπανα δὲ καὶ
ἄρριχοι καὶ ληνοὶ καὶ τὰ ἀμφὶ ληνοὺς ἀνάκειται

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myself against you ; for neither do I wish to dissuade CHAP.
you from drinking, nor these companions of ours VII
either ; nay, I would allow you also to eat meat ;
for the abstinence from these things has, I perceive,
profited you nothing, though it has profited me in
the philosophic profession which I have made from
boyhood." The companions of Damis welcomed
this speech and took to their good cheer with a will,
thinking that they would find the journey easier if
they lived rather better.

VIII

THEY crossed the river Cophen, themselves in boats, but the camels by a ford on foot ; for the river has not yet reached its full size here. They were now in a continent subject to the king, in which the mountain of Nysa rises covered to its very top with plantations, like the mountain of Tmolus in Lydia ; and you can ascend it, because paths have been made by the cultivators. They say then that when they had ascended it, they found the shrine of Dionysus, which it is said Dionysus founded in honour of himself, planting round it a circle of laurel trees which encloses just as much ground as suffices to contain a moderate sized temple. He also surrounded the laurels with a border of ivy and vines ; and he had set up inside an image of himself, knowing that in time the trees would grow together and make themselves into a kind of roof ; and this had now formed itself, so that neither rain can wet nor wind blow upon the shrine. And there were scythes and baskets and wine-presses and their

CHAP.
VIII

Shrine of
Dionysus
on the
mountain
of Nysa

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CAP. τῷ Διονύσῳ χρυσᾶ καὶ ἀργυρᾶ καθάπερ τρυγῶντι.
VIII τὸ δὲ ἄγαλμα εἴκασται μὲν ἐφήβῳ Ἰνδῷ, λίθου
δὲ ἔξεσται λευκοῦ. ὁργιάζοντος δὲ αὐτοῦ καὶ
σείοντος τὴν Νῦσαν, ἀκούοντιν αἱ πόλεις αἱ ὑπὸ^{τῷ} ὅρει καὶ ξυνεξαίρονται.

IX

CAP. Διαφέρονται δὲ περὶ τοῦ Διονύσου τούτου
IX καὶ "Ελληνες" Ἰνδοῖς καὶ Ἰνδοὶ ἀλλήλοις· ἡμεῖς
μὲν γὰρ τὸν Θηβαῖον ἐπ' Ἰνδοὺς ἐλάσαι φαμὲν
στρατεύοντά τε καὶ βακχεύοντα τεκμηρίοις χρώ-
μενοι τοῖς τε ἄλλοις καὶ τῷ Πυθοὶ ἀναθήματι,
ὅ δὴ ἀπόθετον οἱ ἐκεῖ θησαυροὶ ἵσχουσιν· ἔστι
δὲ ἀργύρου Ἰνδικοῦ δίσκος, ὃς ἐπιγέγραπται·
ΔΙΟΝΤΣΟΣ Ο ΣΕΜΕΛΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΔΙΟΣ ΑΠΟ
ΙΝΔΩΝ ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝΙ ΔΕΛΦΩΙ. Ἰνδῶν δὲ
οἱ περὶ Καύκασον καὶ Κωφῆνα ποταμὸν ἐπηλύτην
Ἀσσύριον αὐτόν φασιν ἐλθεῖν τὰ τοῦ Θηβαίου
εἰδότα· οἱ δὲ τὴν Ἰνδοῦ τε καὶ Τδραώτου μέσην
νεμόμενοι καὶ τὴν μετὰ ταῦτα ἥπειρον, ἡ δὴ
ἐς ποταμὸν Γάγγην τελευτᾶ, Διόνυσον γενέσθαι
ποταμοῦ παῖδα Ἰνδοῦ λέγουσιν, φῶς φοιτήσαντα
τὸν ἐκ Θηβῶν ἐκείνον, θύρσου τε ἄψασθαι καὶ
δοῦναι ὄργίοις, εἰπόντα δέ, ὡς εἴη Διὸς καὶ τῷ τοῦ
πατρὸς ἐμβιψη μηρῷ τόκου ἔνεκα, Μηρόν τε
εὑρέσθαι παρ' αὐτοῦ ὅρος, φῶς προσβέβηκεν ἡ Νῦσα,
καὶ τὴν Νῦσαν τῷ Διονύσῳ ἐκφυτεῦσαι ἀπάγοντα

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furniture dedicated to Dionysus, as if to one who CHAP.
gathers grapes, all made of gold and silver. And the VIII
image resembled a youthful Indian, and was carved
out of polished white stone. And when Dionysus
celebrates his orgies and shakes Nysa, the cities
underneath the mountain hear the noise and exult in
sympathy.

IX

Now the Hellenes disagree with the Indians, and CHAP.
the Indians among themselves, concerning this IX
Dionysus. For we declare that the Theban Dionysus made an expedition to India in the rôle Visit of
both of soldier and of reveller, and we base our Dionysus
arguments, among other things, on the offering at to India
Delphi, which is preserved in the treasures there. And it is a disc of Indian silver bearing the inscription : His offering
“ Dionysus the son of Semele and of Zeus, from the to Delphi
men of India to the Apollo of Delphi.” But the Indians who dwell in the Caucasus and along the river Cophen say that he was an Assyrian visitor when he came to them, who understood the affairs of the Theban. But those who inhabit the district between the Indus and the Hydraotes and the continental region beyond, which ends at the river Ganges, declare that Dionysus was son of the river Indian
Indus, and that the Dionysus of Thebes having become legends of
his disciple took to the thyrsus and introduced it in Dionysus
the orgies; that this Dionysus declared that he was the son of Zeus and had lived safe inside his father's thigh until he was born, and that he found a mountain called Merus or “ Thigh ” on which Nysa borders, and planted Nysa in honour of Dionysus with

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CAP. ἐκ Θηβῶν τὸ γόνυ τῆς ἀμπέλου, οὐ καὶ Ἀλέξανδρος ὄργιάσαι. οἱ δὲ τὴν Νῦσαν οἰκοῦντες οὐ φασι τὸν Ἀλέξανδρον ἀνελθεῖν ἐς τὸ ὅρος, ἀλλ' ὄρμησαι μέν, ἐπειδὴ φιλότιμός τε ἦν καὶ ἀρχαιολογίας ἥττων, δείσαντα δὲ μὴ ἐς ἀμπέλους παρεθόντες οἱ Μακεδόνες, ἀς χρόνου ἥδη οὐχ ἑωράκεσαν, ἐς πόθον τῶν οἴκοι ἀπενεχθῶσιν, ἡ ἐπιθυμίαν τινὰ οἴνου ἀναλάβωσιν εἰθισμένοι ἥδη τῷ ὕδατι, παρελάσαι τὴν Νῦσαν, εὐξάμενοι τῷ Διονύσῳ καὶ θύσαντα ἐν τῇ ὑπωρείᾳ. καὶ γιγνώσκω μὲν οὐκ ἐς χάριν ταῦτα ἐνίοις γράφων, ἐπειδὴ οἱ ξὺν Ἀλεξάνδρῳ στρατεύσαντες οὐδὲ ταῦτα ἐς τὸ ἀληθὲς ἀνέγραψαν, δεῖ δὲ ἀληθείας ἐμοὶ γοῦν, ἣν εἰ κάκεῖνοι ἐπήνεσαν, οὐκ ἀν ἀφείλοντο καὶ τοῦδε τοῦ ἐγκωμίου τὸν Ἀλέξανδρον· τοῦ γὰρ ἀνελθεῖν ἐς τὸ ὅρος καὶ βακχεῦσαι αὐτόν, ἀ ἐκεῖνοι λέγουσι, μεῖζον, οἷμαι, τὸ ὑπὲρ καρτερίας τοῦ στρατοῦ μηδὲ ἀναβῆναι.

X

CAP. Τὴν δὲ "Αορνον πέτραν οὐ πολὺ ἀπέχουσαν τῆς Νύσης ἰδεῖν μὲν οὐ φησιν ὁ Δάμις, ἐν ἐκβολῇ γὰρ κεῖσθαι τῆς ὁδοῦ καὶ δεδιέναι τὸν ἡγεμόνα ἐκτρέπεσθαι ποι παρὰ τὸ εὐθύ, ἀκοῦσαι δέ, ὡς ἀλωτὸς μὲν Ἀλεξάνδρῳ γένοιτο, "Αορνος δὲ ὄνομάζοιτο οὐκ ἐπειδὴ στάδια πεντεκαίδεκα ἀνέστηκε, πέτονται

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the vine of which he had brought the suckers from CHAP.
Thebes; and that it was there that Alexander held his IX
orgies. But the inhabitants of Nysa deny that Alexander never ascended to his shrine
ever went up the mountain, although he was eager to do so, being an ambitious person and fond of old-world things ; but he was afraid lest his Macedonians, if they got among vines, which they had not seen for a long time, would fall into a fit of homesickness or recover their taste for wine, after they had already become accustomed to water only. So they say he passed by Nysa, making his vow to Dionysus, and sacrificing at the foot of the mountain. Well I know that some people will take amiss what I write, because the companions of Alexander on his campaigns did not write down the truth in reporting this, but I at any rate insist upon the truth, and hold that, if they had respected it more, they would never have deprived Alexander of the praise due to him in this matter ; for, in my opinion it was a greater thing that he never went up, in order to maintain the sobriety of his army, than that he should have ascended the mountain and have himself held a revel there, which is what they tell you.

X

DAMIS says that he did not see the rock called the CHAP.
“ Birdless ” (*Aornus*), which is not far distant from X
Nysa, because this lay off their road, and their guide feared to diverge from the direct path. But he says The rock
he heard that it had been captured by Alexander, Aornus
and was called “ Birdless,” not because it rises 9,000 feet, for the sacred birds fly higher than that ;

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CAP. Χ γὰρ καὶ ὑπὲρ τοῦτο οἱ ἱεροὶ δρυιθες, ἀλλ' ἐν κορυφῇ τῆς πέτρας ρῆγμα εἶναι φασι τοὺς ὑπερπετομένους τῶν ὄρνιθων ἐπισπώμενον, ώς Ἀθήνησί τε ἵδειν ἔστιν ἐν προδόμῳ τοῦ Παρθενῶνος καὶ πολλαχοῦ τῆς Φρυγῶν καὶ Λυδῶν γῆς, ὑφ' οὐ τὴν πέτραν Ἀορνού κεκλήσθαι τε καὶ εἶναι.

XI

CAP. XI Ἐλαύνοντες δὲ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰνδὸν παιδὶ ἐντυγχάνουσι τρισκαίδεκά που ἔτη γεγονότι, ἐπ' ἐλέφαντος ὄχου μένῳ καὶ παίοντι τὸ θηρίον. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἔθαύμασαν ὅρῶντες “τί ἔργον,” ἔφη, “ὦ Δάμι, ἀγαθοῦ ἴππεως;” “τί δ' ἄλλο γε,” εἶπεν, “ἢ ιζήσαντα ἐπὶ τοῦ ἵππου ἄρχειν τε αὐτοῦ καὶ τῷ χαλινῷ στρέφειν καὶ κολάζειν ἀτακτοῦντα, καὶ προορᾶν, ὡς μὴ ἐς βόθρον ἢ τάφρον ἢ χάσμα κατενεχθείη ὁ ἵππος, ὅτε γε δι' ἔλους ἢ πηλοῦ χωροίη;” “ἄλλο δὲ οὐδέν, ὦ Δάμι, ἀπαιτήσομεν,” ἔφη, “τὸν ἀγαθὸν ἴππέα;” “νη Δί,” εἶπε, “τό τε ἀναπηδῶντι μὲν τῷ ἵππῳ πρὸς τὸ σιμὸν ἐφεῖναι τὸν χαλινόν, κατὰ πρανοῦς δὲ ἴόντι οἱ μὴ ξυγχωρεῖν, ἀλλ' ἀνθέλκειν, καὶ τὸ καταψῆσαι δὲ τὰ ὥτα ἢ τὴν χαίτην, καὶ μὴ ἀεὶ ἢ μάστιξ σοφοῦ ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ ἴππεως, καὶ ἐπαινοίην ἀν τὸν ὥδε ὄχούμενον.” “τῷ δὲ δὴ μαχίμῳ τε καὶ πολεμιστηρίῳ τίνων δεῖ;” “τῶν γε αὐτῶν,” ἔφη, “ὦ Ἀπολλώνιε, καὶ πρός γε τούτοις τοῦ βάλλειν τε καὶ φυλάττεσθαι, καὶ τὸ ἐπελάσαι δὲ καὶ τὸ ἀπελάσαι, καὶ τὸ ἀνειλῆσαι πολεμίους, καὶ μὴ ἔαν ἐκπλήττεσθαι τὸν ἵππον, δτε

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but because on the summit of the rock there is, they CHAP.
say, a cleft which draws into itself the birds which
fly over it, as we may see at Athens also in the
vestibule of the Parthenon, and in several places in
Phrygia and Lydia. And this is the reason why the
rock was called and actually is "Birdless."

X

XI

AND as they made their way to the Indus they met CHAP.

a boy of about thirteen years old mounted on an

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elephant and striking the animal. And when they
wondered at the sight, Apollonius said : " Damis,

Discussion
of mahouts
and
elephant
intelligénce

what is the business of a good horseman ?" " Why,
what else," he replied, " than to sit firm upon the

horse, and control it, and turn it with the bit, and
punish it when it is unruly, and to take care that the

horse does not plunge into a chasm or a ditch or
a hole, especially when he is passing over a marsh

or a clay bog ?" " And shall we require nothing
else, O Damis, of a good horseman ?" said

Apollonius. " Why, yes," he said, " when the horse
is galloping up a hill he must slacken the bit ; and

when he is going down hill he must not let the horse
have his way, but hold him in ; and he must caress

his ears and mane ; and in my opinion a clever rider
never uses a whip, and I should commend any one

who rode in this way." " And what is needful for a
soldier who rides a charger ?" " The same things,"

he said, " O Apollonius, and in addition the ability
to inflict and parry blows and to pursue and to

retire, and to crowd the enemies together, without
letting his horse be frightened by the rattling of

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CAP. δουπήσειεν ἀσπὶς ἡ ἀστράψειαν αἱ κόρυθες, ἡ
παιανιζόντων τε καὶ ἀλαλαζόντων βοὴ γένοιτο,
σοφίᾳ, οἷμαι, ἵππικῇ πρόσκειται.” “τοῦτον οὖν,”
ἔφη, “τὸν ἐπὶ τοῦ ἐλέφαντος ἵππεα τί φήσεις;”
“πολλῷ,” ἔφη, “θαυμασιώτερον, Ἀπολλώνιε, τὸ
γὰρ θηρίῳ τηλικούτῳ ἐπιτετάχθαι τηλικόνδε ὄντα,
καὶ εὐθύνειν αὐτὸν καλαύροπι, ἦν ὁρᾶς αὐτὸν
ἐμβαλόντα τῷ ἐλέφαντι, ὥσπερ ἄγκυραν, καὶ μήτε
τὴν ὅψιν τοῦ θηρίου δεδιέναι μήτε τὸ ὑψος μήτε
τὴν ρώμην τοσαύτην οὔσαν, δαιμόνιον ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ,
καὶ οὐδὲ ἀν ἐπίστευσα, μὰ τὴν Ἀθηνᾶν, εἰ ἐτέρου
ἥκουσα.” “τί οὖν,” ἔφη, “εἰ ἀποδόσθαι τις ἡμῖν
τὸν παῖδα βούλοιτο, ὧνήσῃ αὐτόν, ὡ Δάμι;” “νὴ
Δλ̄,” εἶπε, “τῶν γε ἐμαυτοῦ πάντων. τὸ γὰρ
ὥσπερ ἀκρόπολιν κατειληφότα δεσπόζειν θηρίου
μεγίστου ὡν ἡ γῆ βόσκει, ἐλευθέρας ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ
φύσεως καὶ λαμπρᾶς εἶναι.” “τί οὖν χρήσῃ τῷ
παιδὶ,” ἔφη, “εἰ μὴ καὶ τὸν ἐλέφαντα ὧνήσῃ;” “τῇ
τε οἰκίᾳ,” ἔφη, “ἐπιστήσω τῇ ἐμαυτοῦ καὶ τοῖς
οἰκέταις καὶ πολλῷ βέλτιον τούτων ἡ ἐγὼ ἄρξει.”
“σὺ δὲ οὐχ ἴκανός,” ἔφη, “τῶν σεαυτοῦ ἄρχειν;”
“οὐ γε,” εἶπε, “καὶ σὺ τρόπον, ὡ Ἀπολλώνιε
καταλιπὼν γὰρ τάμα περίειμ, ὥσπερ σύ, φιλομα-
θῶν καὶ περιφρονῶν τὰ ἐν τῇ ξένῃ.” “εἰ δὲ δὴ
πρίασι τὸν παῖδα, καὶ ἵππω σοι γενοίσθην ὁ μὲν
ἀμιλλητήριος, ὁ δὲ πολεμικός, ἀναθήσῃ αὐτόν, ὡ
Δάμι, ἐπὶ τοὺς ἵππους;” “ἐπὶ μὲν τὸν ἀμιλλητή-
ριον,” εἶπεν, “ἴσως ἄν, ἐπειδὴ καὶ ἐτέρους ὄρῶ, τὸν

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shields or the flashing of the helmets, or by the noise CHAP.
made when the men raise their war-cry and give a XI
whoop ; this, I think all belongs to good horsemanship." "What then will you say of this boy who is riding on the elephant ?" "He is much more wonderful, Apollonius. For it seems to me a super-human feat for such a tiny mite to manage so huge an animal and guide it with the crook, which you see him digging into the elephant like an anchor, without fearing either the look of the brute or its height, or its enormous strength ; and I would not have believed it possible, I swear by Athene, if I had heard another telling it, and had not seen it." "Well then," said Apollonius, "if anyone wanted to sell us this boy, would you buy him, Damis ?" "Yes, by Zeus," he said, "and I would give everything I have to possess him. For it seems to me the mark of a liberal and splendid nature, to be able to capture like a citadel the greatest animal which earth sustains, and then govern it as its master." "What then would you do with the boy," said the other, "unless you bought the elephant as well ?" "I would set him," said Damis, "to preside over my household and over my servants, and he would rule them much better than I can." "And are you not able," said Apollonius, "to rule your own servants ?" "About as able to do so," replied Damis, "as you are yourself, Apollonius. For I have abandoned my property, and am going about, like yourself, eager to learn and to investigate things in foreign countries." "But if you did actually buy the boy, and if you had two horses, one of them a racer, and the other a charger, would you put him, O Damis, on these horses ?" "I would perhaps," he answered, "upon

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CAP. δὲ μάχιμόν τε καὶ ὀπλιτεύοντα πῶς ἀναβαίνοι
οὐτος; οὕτε γὰρ ἀσπίδα δύναιτ' ἀν φέρειν, ἢς δεῖ
τοῖς ἵππεύουσιν, οὕτ' ἀν θώρακα ἢ κράνος, αἰχμὴν
δὲ πῶς οὐτος, ὃς οὐδὲ ἄτρακτον βέλους ἢ τοξεύ-
ματος κραδαίνοι ἄν, ψελλιζομένῳ ἐς τὰ πολεμικὰ
ἔοικὼς ἔτι; ” “ ἔτερον οὖν τι,” ἔφη, “ ὡ Δάμι, ἐστίν,
ὅτιον ἐλέφαντα τοῦτον ἡνιοχεῖ καὶ πέμπει, καὶ οὐχ
ὁ ἡνιοχος οὐτος, διν σὺ μόνον οὐ προσκυνεῖς ὑπὸ^{το}
θαύματος.” τοῦ δὲ εἰπόντος “ τί ἀν εἴη τοῦτο,
Ἄπολλώνιε; ὅρω γὰρ ἐπὶ τοῦ θηρίου πλὴν τοῦ παι-
δὸς οὐδὲν ἔτερον.” “ τὸ θηρίον,” ἔφη, “ τοῦτο εὐπα-
δευτόν τε παρὰ πάντα ἐστί, κἀπειδὴν ἄπαξ
ἀναγκασθῆ ὑπὸ ἀνθρώπῳ ζῆν, ἀνέχεται τὰ ἐκ τοῦ
ἀνθρώπου πάντα καὶ ὁμοήθειαν ἐπιτηδεύει τὴν
πρὸς αὐτόν, χαίρει τε σιτούμενον ἀπὸ τῆς χειρός,
ὡσπερ οἱ μικροὶ τῶν κυνῶν, προσιόντα τε τῇ
προνομαίᾳ αἰκάλλει καὶ τὴν κεφαλὴν ἐς τὴν
φάρυγγα ἐσωθοῦντα ἀνέχεται καὶ κέχηνεν ἐφ' ὅσον
τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ δοκεῖ, καθάπερ ἐν τοῖς νομάσιν
έωρῶμεν. οὐκτωρ δὲ λέγεται τὴν δουλείαν ὀλοφύ-
ρεσθαι, μὰ Δὲ, οὐ τετριγός, ὃποιον εἴωθεν, ἀλλ'
οἰκτρόν τε καὶ ἐλεεινὸν ἀνακλᾶν, εἰ δὲ ἀνθρωπος
ἐπισταίη ὁδυρομένῳ ταῦτα, ἵσχει τὸν θρῆνον ὁ ἐλέ-
φας, ὡσπερ αἰδούμενος. αὐτὸς δὴ έαυτοῦ, ὡ Δάμι,
ἄρχει καὶ ἡ πειθὼ αὐτὸν ἡ τῆς φύσεως ἄγει μᾶλλον
ἢ ὁ ἐπικείμενός τε καὶ ἀπευθύνων.”

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the racer, for I see others doing the same, but how CHAP.
could he ever mount a war-horse accustomed to carry XI
armour? For he could not either carry a shield, as
knights must do; or wear a breast-plate or helmet;
and how could he wield a javelin, when he
cannot use the shaft of a bolt or of an arrow,
but he would in military matters be like a
stammerer." "Then," said the other, "there is,
Damis, something else which controls and guides
this elephant, and not the driver alone, whom you
admire almost to the point of worshipping." Damis
replied: "What can that be, Apollonius? For I
see nothing else upon the animal except the boy."
"This animal," he answered, "is docile beyond all
others; and when he has once been broken in to
serve man, he will put up with anything at the
hands of man, and he makes it his business to be
tractable and obedient to him, and he loves to eat out
of his hands, in the way little dogs do; and when his
master approaches he fondles him with his trunk,
and he will allow him to thrust his head into his jaws,
and he holds them as wide open as his master likes,
as we have seen among the nomads. But of a night
the elephant is said to lament his state of slavery,
yes, by heaven, not by trumpeting in his ordinary
way, but by wailing mournfully and piteously. And
if a man comes upon him when he is lamenting in
this way, the elephant stops his dirge at once as if he
were ashamed. Such control, O Damis, has he
over himself, and it is his instinctive obedience which
actuates him rather than the man who sits upon him
and directs him."

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XII

CAP. XII. 'Επὶ δὲ τὸν Ἰνδὸν ἐλθόντες ἀγέλην ἐλεφάντων
 ἵδεῖν φασὶ περαιουμένους τὸν ποταμόν, καὶ τάδε
 ἀκοῦσαι περὶ τοῦ θηρίου· ώς οἱ μὲν αὐτῶν ἔλειοι,
 οἱ δ' αὖ ὅρειοι, καὶ τρίτον ἥδη γένος πεδινοί εἰσιν,
 ἀλίσκονταί τε ἐς τὴν τῶν πολεμικῶν χρείαν.
 μάχονται γὰρ δὴ ἐπεσκευασμένοι πύργους οἷονς
 κατὰ δέκα καὶ πεντεκαίδεκα ὁμοῦ τῶν Ἰνδῶν
 δέξασθαι, ἀφ' ὧν τοξεύουσί τε καὶ ἀκοντίζουσιν
 οἱ Ἰνδοί, καθάπερ ἐκ πυλῶν βάλλοντες. καὶ
 αὐτὸ δὲ τὸ θηρίον χεῖρα τὴν προνομαίαν ἡγεῖται,
 καὶ χρῆται αὐτῇ ἐς τὸ ἀκοντίζειν. ὅσον δὲ ὑππου
 Νισαίου μείζων ὁ Λιβυκὸς ἐλέφας, τοσοῦτον τῶν
 ἐκ Λιβύης οἱ Ἰνδοὶ μείζους. περὶ δὲ ἡλικίας τοῦ
 ζώου καὶ ὡς μακροβιώτατοι, εἴρηται μὲν καὶ
 ἑτέροις, ἐντυχεῖν δὲ καὶ οὗτοί φασιν ἐλέφαντι
 περὶ Τάξιλα μεγίστην τῶν ἐν Ἰνδοῖς πόλιν, ὃν
 μυρίζειν τε οἱ ἐπιχώριοι καὶ ταινιοῦν· εἶναι γὰρ
 δὴ τῶν πρὸς Ἀλέξανδρον ὑπὲρ Πώρου μεμαχη-
 μένων εἰς οὗτος, ὃν, ἐπειδὴ προθύμως ἐμεμάχητο,
 ἀνῆκεν ὁ Ἀλέξανδρος τῷ Ἡλίῳ. εἶναι δὲ αὐτῷ
 καὶ χρυσοῦ ἔλικας περὶ τοῖς εἴτ' ὀδοῦσιν εἴτε
 κέρασι, καὶ γράμματα ἐπ' αὐτῶν Ἐλληνικὰ λέγοντα
ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΣ Ο ΔΙΟΣ ΤΟΝ ΑΙΑΝΤΑ ΤΩΙ ΗΛΙΩΙ. ὄνομα γὰρ τὸντο τῷ ἐλέφαντι
 ἔθετο, μεγάλου ἀξιώσας μέγαν. ξυνεβάλοντο δὲ
 οἱ ἐπιχώριοι πεντήκοντα εἶναι καὶ τριακόσια ἔτη
 μετὰ τὴν μάχην, οὕπω λέγοντες καὶ ὅπόσα γεγονὼς
 ἐμάχετο.

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XII

AND when they came to the Indus, they saw a herd of elephants crossing the river, and they say that they heard this account of the animals. Some of them are marsh elephants, others again mountain elephants, and there is also a third kind which belongs to the plain; and they are captured for use in war. For indeed they go into battle saddled with towers big enough to accommodate ten or fifteen Indians all at once; and from these towers the Indians shoot their bows and hurl their javelins, just as if they were taking aim from gate towers. And the animal itself regards his trunk as a hand, and uses it to hurl weapons. And the Indian elephants are as much bigger than those of Libya, as these are bigger than the horses of Nisa. And other authorities have dwelt on the age of the animals, and say that they are very long-lived; but our party too say that they came on an elephant near Taxila, the greatest city in India, who was anointed with myrrh by the natives and adorned with fillets. For, they said, this elephant was one of those who fought on the side of Porus against Alexander; and, as it had made a brave fight, Alexander dedicated it to the Sun. And it had, they say, gold rings around its tusks or horns, whichever you call them, and an inscription was on them written in Greek, as follows: "Alexander the son of Zeus dedicates Ajax to the Sun." For he had given this name to the elephant, thinking so great an animal deserved a great name. And the natives reckoned that 350 years had elapsed since the battle, without taking into account how old the elephant was when he went into battle.

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CAP. XIII. Ιόβας δέ, δος ἡρξέ ποτε τοῦ Λιβυκοῦ ἔθνους,
 φησὶ μὲν ξυμπεσεῖν ἀλλήλοις ἐπ' ἐλεφάντων
 πάλαι Λιβυκοὺς ἵππεας—εἶναι δὲ τοῖς μὲν
 πύργον ἐς τοὺς ὁδόντας κεχαραγμένον, τοῖς δὲ
 οὐδέν—νυκτὸς δὲ ἐπιλαβούσης τὴν μάχην ἡττη-
 θῆναι μὲν τοὺς ἐπισήμους φησί, φυγεῖν δὲ ἐς τὸν
 Ἀτλαντα τὸ ὅρος, αὐτὸς δὲ ἐλεῖν τετρακοσίων
 μῆκει ἐτῶν ὑστερον τῶν διαφυγόντων ἔνα καὶ
 τούπισημον εἶναι αὐτῷ κοῖλον καὶ οὕπω περιτε-
 τριμένον ὑπὸ τοῦ χρόνου. οὗτος δὲ Ιόβας τοὺς
 ὁδόντας κέρατα ἥγεῖται τῷ φύεσθαι μὲν αὐτοὺς
 ὅθεν περ οἱ κρόταφοι, παραθήγεσθαι δὲ μηδενὶ
 ἐτέρῳ, μένειν δ' ὡς ἔφυσαν καὶ μή, ὅπερ οἱ ὁδόντες,
 ἐκπίπτειν εἰτ' ἀναφύεσθαι· ἐγὼ δὲ οὐ προσδέχομαι
 τὸν λόγον· κέρατά τε γὰρ εἰ μὴ πάντα, τά γε τῶν
 ἐλάφων ἐκπίπτει καὶ ἀναφύεται, ὁδόντες δὲ οἱ
 μὲν τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἐκπεσοῦνται καὶ ἀναφύσονται
 πάντες, ζώων δ' ἀν οὐδενὶ ἐτέρῳ χαυλιόδους ἡ
 κυνόδους αὐτομάτως ἐκπέσοι, οὐδ' ἀν ἐπανέλθοι
 ἐκπεσών, ὅπλου γὰρ ἔνεκα ἡ φύσις ἐμβιβάζει
 αὐτοὺς ἐς τὰς γένυς. καὶ ἄλλως τὰ κέρατα
 γραμμὴν ἀποτορνεύει κύκλῳ πρὸς τῇ ῥίζῃ κατ'
 ἐνιαυτὸν ἔκαστον, ὡς αἰγές τε δηλοῦσι καὶ ποι-
 μναι καὶ βόες, ὁδοὺς δὲ λείος ἐκφύεται καὶ ἦν μὴ
 πηρώσῃ τι αὐτόν, τοιόσδε ἀεὶ μένει, μετέχει γὰρ
 τῆς λιθώδους ὅλης τε καὶ οὐσίας. καὶ μὴν καὶ
 τὸ κερασφορεῖν περὶ τὰ δίχηλα τῶν ζώων μόνα

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AND Juba, who was once sovereign of the Libyan CHAP.
race, says that formerly the knights of Libya fought with one another on elephants, and one division of these had a tower engraved upon their tusks, but the others nothing. And when night interrupted the fray the animals which were so marked had, he says, got the worst of it, and fled into Mount Atlas ; but he himself 400 years afterwards caught one of the fugitives and found the cavity of the stamp still fresh on the tusk and not yet worn away by time. This Juba is of opinion that the tusks are horns, because they grow just where the temples are, and because they need no sharpening of any kind, and remain as they grew and do not, like teeth, fall out and then grow afresh. But I cannot accept this view ; for horns, if not all, at any rate those of stags, do fall out and grow afresh, but the teeth, although in the case of men those which may fall out, will in every case grow again, on the other hand there is not a single animal whose tusk or dog-tooth falls out naturally, nor in which, when it has fallen out, it will come again. For nature implants these tusks in their jaws for the sake of defence. And moreover, a circular ridge is formed year by year at the base of the horns, as we see in the case of goats and sheep and oxen ; but a tusk grows out quite smooth, and unless something breaks it, it always remains so, for it consists of a material and substance as hard as stone. Moreover the carrying of horns is confined to animals with cloven hoofs, but this animal has five nails and the sole

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Juba on the age of elephants
And on the character of their tusks

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CAP. έστηκε, τὸ δὲ ζῷον τοῦτο πεντώνυχον καὶ πολυ-
 σχιδὲς τὴν βάσιν, ἥ διὰ τὸ μὴ ἐσφίγχθαι χηλαῖ
 ὥσπερ ἐν νύγρῳ ἔστηκε. καὶ τοῖς μὲν κερασφόροις
 ἀπασιν ὑποβάλλουστα ἡ φύσις ὅστâ σηραγγώδη
 περιφύει τὸ κέρας ἔξωθεν, τὸ δὲ τῶν ἐλεφάντων
 πλῆρες ἀποφαίνει καὶ ὅμοιον, ἀναπτύξαντι δὲ
 σύριγξ αὐτὸν λεπτὴ διέρπει μέσον, ὥσπερ τοὺς
 ὁδόντας· εἰσὶ δὲ οἱ μὲν τῶν ἐλείων ὁδόντες πελμοὶ
 καὶ μανοὶ μεταχειρίσασθαι τε ἄτοποι, πολλαχοῦ δὲ
 γὰρ αὐτῶν ὑποδεδύκασι σήραγγες, πολλαχοῦ δὲ
 ἀνεστᾶσι χάλαζαι μὴ ξυγχωροῦσαι τῇ τέχνῃ.
 οἱ δὲ τῶν ὄρείων μέίους μὲν ἥ οὗτοι, λευκοὶ δὲ
 ἰκανῶς καὶ δύσεργον περὶ αὐτοὺς οὐδέν, ἄριστοι
 δὲ οἱ τῶν πεδινῶν ὁδόντες, μέγιστοι τε γὰρ καὶ
 λευκότατοι καὶ ἀναπτύξαι ήδεῖς καὶ γίγνονται πᾶν
 ὃ τι θέλει ἥ χείρ. εἰ δὲ καὶ ἥθη ἐλεφάντων χρὴ
 ἀναγράφειν, τοὺς μὲν ἐκ τῶν ἐλῶν ἀλισκομένους
 ἀνοήτους ἡγοῦνται καὶ κούφους Ἰνδοί, τοὺς δὲ ἐκ
 τῶν ὄρων κακοήθεις τε καὶ ἐπιβουλευτάς, καὶ ἥν
 μὴ δέωνται τινος, οὐ βεβαίους τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, οἱ
 πεδινοὶ δὲ χρηστοί τε εἶναι λέγονται καὶ εὐάγωγοι
 καὶ μιμήσεως ἐρασταί· γράφουσι γοῦν καὶ
 ὀρχοῦνται καὶ παρενσαλεύονται πρὸς αὐλὸν καὶ
 πηδῶσιν ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς ἐκεῖνοι.

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of his foot has many furrows in it, and not being CHAP.
confined by hoofs, it seems to stand on a soft, ^{XIII} flabby foot. And in the case of all animals that have horns, nature supplies cavernous bones and causes the horn to grow from outwards, whereas she makes the elephant tusk full and equally massive throughout ; and when in the lathe you lay bare the interior, you find a very thin tube piercing the centre of it, as is the case with teeth. Now the tusks of the marsh elephants are dark in colour and porous and difficult to work, because they are hollowed out into many cavities, and often knots are formed in them which oppose difficulties to the craftsman's tool ; but the tusks of the mountain kind, though smaller than these, are very white and there is nothing about them difficult to work ; but best of all are the tusks of the elephants of the plain, for these are very large and very white and so pleasant to turn and carve that the hand can shape them into whatever it likes.

If I may also describe the characters of these elephants ; those which come from the marshes, and are taken there, are considered to be stupid and idle by the Indians ; but those which come from the mountains they regard as wicked and treacherous and, unless they want something, not to be relied upon by man ; but the elephants of the plain are said to be good and tractable, and fond of learning tricks ; for they will write and dance, and will sway themselves to and fro and leap up and down from the ground to the sound of the flute.

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CAP.
XIV 'Ιδὼν δὲ τοὺς ἐλέφαντας ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος τὸν
Ινδὸν περαιουμένους, ἥσαν δέ, οἶμαι, τριάκοντα,
καὶ χρωμένους ἡγεμόνι τῷ σμικροτάτῳ σφῶν, καὶ
τοὺς μείζους αὐτῶν ἀνειληφότας τοὺς αὐτῶν πώ-
λους ἐπὶ τὰς τῶν ὀδόντων προβολὰς τάς τε
προνομαίας ἐπεξευχότας δεσμοῦ ἔνεκα "ταῦτα
μέν," ἔφη, "ὦ Δάμι, οὐδὲ ἐπιτάττοντος οὐδενὸς
αὐτοῖς ἀφ' ἑαυτῶν οὗτοι διὰ ξύνεσίν τε καὶ σοφίαν
πράττουσι, καὶ ὄρᾶς, ὡς παραπλησίως τοῖς σκευ-
αγωγοῦσιν ἀνειλήφασι τοὺς πώλους καὶ κατα-
δησάμενοι αὐτοὺς ἄγουσιν;" "ὄρῶ," ἔφη, "ὦ
Ἀπολλώνιε, ὡς σοφῶς τε αὐτὸς καὶ ξυνετῶς πρά-
ττουσι. τί οὖν βούλεται τὸ εὑηθες ἐκεῖνο φρόν-
τισμα τοῖς ἐρεσχελοῦσι φυσικὴν ἢ μὴ τὴν πρὸς
τὰ τέκνα εἰναι εὔνοιαν; τουτὶ γὰρ καὶ ἐλέφαντες
ἥδη βοῶσιν, ὡς παρὰ τῆς φύσεως αὐτοῖς ἥκει· οὐ
γὰρ δὴ παρὰ ἀνθρώπων γε μεμαθήκασιν αὐτό,
ῶσπερ τὰ ἄλλα, οἵ γε μηδὲ ξυμβεβιώκασί πω
ἀνθρώποις, ἄλλὰ φύσει κεκτημένοι τὸ φιλεῖν ἀ-
ἴτεκον, προκιήδονταί τε αὐτῶν καὶ παιδοτροφοῦσι."
"καὶ μὴ τοὺς ἐλέφαντας εἴπης, ὦ Δάμι· τοῦτο γὰρ
τὸ ζῷον δεύτερον ἀνθρώπου τάττω κατὰ ξύνεσίν
τε καὶ βουλάς, ἄλλὰ τάς τε ἄρκτους ἐνθυμοῦμαι
μᾶλλον, ὡς ἀγριώταται θηρίων οὖσαι πάνθ' ὑπὲρ
τῶν σκύμνων πράττουσι, τούς τε λύκους, ὡς ἀεὶ¹⁵²
προσκείμενοι τῷ ἀρπάζειν ἡ μὲν θήλεια φυλάττει

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XIV

AND Apollonius saw a herd, I think, of about thirty CHAP.
elephants crossing over the River Indus, and they XIV
were following as their leader the smallest among them ; but the bigger ones had picked up their young ones on their projecting tusks, where they held them fast by twining their trunks around them. Said Apollonius : " No one, O Damis, has instructed them to do this, but they act of their own instinctive wisdom and cleverness ; and you see how, like baggage-porters, they have picked up their young, and have them bound fast on, and so carry them along." " I see," he said, " Apollonius, how cleverly and with what sagacity they do this. What then is the sense of the silly speculation indulged in by those who idly dispute whether the affection of animals for their young is natural or not, when these very elephants, by their conduct, proclaim that it is so, and that it comes to them by nature ? For they have certainly not learnt to do so from men, as they have other things ; for these have never yet shared the life of men, but have been endowed by nature with their love of their offspring, and that is why they provide for them and feed their young." " And," said Apollonius, " you need not, Damis, confine your remarks to elephants ; for this animal is only second to man, in my opinion, in understanding and foresight ; but I am thinking rather of bears, for they are the fiercest of all animals, and yet they will do anything for their whelps ; and also of wolves, among which, although they are so addicted to plunder, yet the female protects its young ones, and

Affection of
elephants
for their
young

Apollonius
on parental
love in all
animals

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CAP. XIV ἀ ἔτεκεν, ὁ δὲ ἄρρην ὑπὲρ σωτηρίας τῶν σκυλάκων ἀπάγει αὐτῇ σῖτον, τάς τε παρδάλεις ὡσαύτως, αἱ διὰ θερμότητα χαίρουσι τῷ γίγνεσθαι μητέρες, δεσπόζειν γὰρ δὴ τότε βούλονται τῶν ἄρρενων καὶ τοῦ οἴκου ἄρχειν, οἱ δὲ ἀνέχονται τὸ ἔξ αὐτῶν πᾶν ἡττώμενοι τοῦ τόκου. λέγεται δέ τις καὶ περὶ τῶν λεαινῶν λόγος, ὡς ἐραστὰς μὲν ποιοῦνται τοὺς παρδάλεις καὶ δέχονται αὐτοὺς ἐπὶ τὰς εὐնὰς τῶν λεόντων ἐς τὰ πεδία, τῆς δὲ γαστρὸς ὥραν ἀγούσης ἀναφεύγουσιν ἐς τὰ ὅρη καὶ τὰ τῶν παρδάλεων ἥθη, στικτὰ γὰρ τίκτουσιν, ὅθεν κρύπτουσιν αὐτὰ καὶ θηλάζουσιν ἐν σκολιαις λόχμαις πλασάμεναι ἀφημερεύειν πρὸς θήραν. εἰ γὰρ φωράσειαν τουτὶ οἱ λέοντες, διασπῶνται τοὺς σκύμνους καὶ ξαίνουσι τὴν σπορὰν ὡς νόθον. ἐνέτυχες δήπου καὶ τῶν Ὁμηρέων λεόντων ἐνί, ὡς ὑπὲρ τῶν ἑαυτὸν σκύμνων δεινὸν βλέπει καὶ ῥώννυσιν ἑαυτὸν μάχης ἅπτεσθαι. καὶ τὴν τίγριν δὲ χαλεπωτάτην οὖσάν φασιν ἐν τῇδε τῇ χώρᾳ καὶ περὶ τὴν θάλατταν τὴν Ἐρυθρὰν ἐπὶ τὰς ναῦς ἵεσθαι, τοὺς σκύμνους ἀπαιτοῦσαν, καὶ ἀπολαβοῦσαν μὲν ἀπιέναι χαίρουσαν, εἰ δὲ ἀποπλεύσαιεν, ὠρύεσθαι αὐτὴν πρὸς τῇ θαλάττῃ καὶ ἀποθυήσκειν ἐνίοτε. τὰ δὲ τῶν ὄρνιθων τίς οὐκ οἶδεν; ὡς ἀετοὶ μὲν καὶ πελαργοὶ καλιὰς οὐκ ἀν πήξαιντο μὴ πρότερον αὐταῖς ἐναρμόσαντες ὁ μὲν τὸν ἀετίτην λίθον, ὁ δὲ τὸν λυχνίτην ὑπὲρ τῆς φωγονίας καὶ τοῦ μὴ πελάζειν σφίσι τοὺς ὄφεις. καν τὰ ἐν τῇ θαλάττῃ σκοπῶμεν, τοὺς μὲν δελφῖνας

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the male brings her food in order to save the life of the CHAP.
whelps. And I also equally have in mind the panther, XIV
which, from the warmth of its temperament, delights
to become a mother, for that is the time when it is
determined to rule the male and be mistress of the
household ; and the male puts up with anything and
everything from her, subordinating everything to
the welfare of the offspring. And there is also told
a story of the lioness, how she will make a lover of
the panther and receive him in the lion's lair in the
plain ; but when she is going to bring forth her young
she flees into the mountains to the haunts of the
panthers ; for she brings forth young ones that are
spotted, and that is why she hides her young and
nurses them in winding thickets, pretending that
she is spending the day out hunting. For if the
lion detected the trick, he would tear the whelps in
pieces and claw her offspring as illegitimate. You
have read no doubt, also, of one of Homer's lions,
and of how he made himself look terrible in behalf
of his own whelps and steeled himself to do battle
for them. And they say the tigress, although she is
the cruellest animal in this country, will approach
the ships on the Red Sea, to demand back her whelps ;
and if she gets them back, she goes off mightily
delighted ; but if the ships sail away, they say that
she howls along the sea-coast and sometimes dies
outright. And who does not know the ways of birds,
how that the eagles and the cranes will not build
their nests until they have fixed in them, the one
an eagle-stone, and the other a stone of light, to
help the hatching out of the eggs and to drive away
the snakes. And if we look at creatures in the sea,
we need not wonder at the dolphins loving their

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CAP. οὐκ ἀν θαυμάσαιμεν, εἰ χρηστοὶ ὅντες φιλοτε-
^{XIV} κνοῦσι, φαλαίνας δὲ καὶ φώκας καὶ τὰ ζωφόκα
ἔθνη πῶς οὐ θαυμασόμεθα, εἰ φώκη μέν, ἡν εἰδον
ἐγὼ ἐν Αἰγαῖς καθειργμένην ἐς κυνήγια, οὕτως
ἐπένθησεν ἀποθανόντα τὸν σκύμνουν, δην ἐν τῷ
οἰκίσκῳ ἀπεκύησεν, ως μὴ προσδέξασθαι τριῶν
ἡμερῶν σῖτον, καίτοι βορωτάτη θηρίων οὖσα,
φάλαινα δὲ ἐς τοὺς χηραμοὺς τῆς φάρυγγος
ἀναλαμβάνει τοὺς σκύμνους, ἐπειδὰν φεύγῃ τι
έαυτῆς μεῖζον; καὶ ἔχιδνα ὥφθη ποτὲ τοὺς ὄφεις,
οὓς ἀπέτεκε, λιχμωμένη καὶ θεραπεύουσα ἐκκει-
μένη τῇ γλώττῃ. μὴ γὰρ δεχώμεθα, ὡς Δάμι, τὸν
εὐήθη λογον, ως ἀμήτορες οἱ τῶν ἔχιδνῶν τίκτονται,
τουτὶ γὰρ οὐδὲ ἡ φύσις ξυγκεχώρηκεν, οὔτε ἡ
πεῖρα.” ὑπολαβὼν οὖν ὁ Δάμις “ξυγχωρεῖς οὖν,”
ἔφη, “τὸν Εὐρυπίδην ἐπαινεῖν ἐπὶ τῷ ἰαμβείφ
τούτῳ, φεποίηται αὐτῷ ἡ Ἀνδρομάχη λέγουσα

ἄπασι δὲ ἀνθρώποις ἄρ' ἦν
ψυχὴ τέκνα;”

“ξυγχωρῶ, ἔφη, “σοφῶς γὰρ καὶ δαιμονίως
εἴρηται, πολλῷ δὲ ἀν σοφώτερον καὶ ἀληθέστερον
εἶχεν, εἰ περὶ πάντων ζώων ὕμιντο.” “ἔσικας,”
ἔφη, “Ἀπολλώνιε, μεταγράφειν τὸ ἰαμβεῖον, ἵν
οὕτως ἔδοιμεν.

ἄπασι δὲ ζώοις ἄρ' ἦν
ψυχὴ τέκνα.

καὶ ἔπομαί σοι, βέλτιον γάρ.”

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offspring, for they are superior creatures ; but shall we not admire the whales and seals and the viviparous species? For I once saw a seal that was kept shut up at Aegae in the circus, and she mourned so deeply for her whelp, which had died after being born in confinement, that she refused food for three days together, although she is the most voracious of animals. And the whale takes up its young ones into the cavities of its throat, whenever it is fleeing from a creature bigger than itself. And a viper has been seen licking the serpents which it had borne, and caressing them with her tongue, which she shoots out for the purpose. But we need not entertain, Damis, the silly story that the young of vipers are brought into the world without mothers ; for that is a thing which is consistent neither with nature nor with experience."

Damis then resumed the conversation by saying : " You will allow me then to praise Euripides, for this iambic line which he puts into the mouth of Andromache :

' And in the case of all men, then, their life lay in their children.'

" I admit," said Apollonius, " that that is said cleverly and divinely; but much cleverer and truer would have been the verse, if it had included all animals." " Then you would like," said Damis, " O Apollonius, to rewrite the line so that we might sing it as follows :

' And in the case of all animals, then, their life lay in their children.'

and I agree with you, for it is better so."

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CAP. XV. “Αλλ’ ἐκεῖνό μοι εἰπέ· οὐκ ἐν ἀρχῇ τῶν λόγων ἔφαμεν σοφίαν εἶναι περὶ τοὺς ἐλέφαντας καὶ νοῦν περὶ ἡ πράττουσι;” “καὶ εἰκότως,” εἶπεν, “ὦ Δάμι, ἔφαμεν, εἰ γὰρ μὴ νοῦς ἐκυβέρνα τόδε τὸ θηρίον, οὗτ’ ἀν αὐτὸ διεγύγνετο οὗτ’ ἀν τὰ ἔθνη, ἐν οἷς γίγνεται.” “τί οὖν,” ἔφη, “οὕτως ἀμαθῶς καὶ οὐ πρὸς τὸ χρήσιμον ἑαυτοῖς τὴν διάβασιν ποιοῦνται; ἡγεῖται μὲν γάρ, ὡς ὁρᾶς, ὁ μικρότατος, ἔπειται δὲ αὐτῷ τις ὀλίγῳ μείζων, εἴτα ὑπὲρ τοῦτον ἔτερος, καὶ οἱ μέγιστοι κατόπιν πάντες. ἔδει δέ που τὸν ἐναντίον τρόπον αὐτοὺς πορεύεσθαι καὶ τοὺς μεγίστους τείχη καὶ προβλήματα ἑαυτῶν ποιεῖσθαι.” “ἀλλ’, ὦ Δάμι,” ἔφη, “πρῶτον μὲν ὑποφεύγειν ἐοίκασι δίωξιν ἀνθρώπων, οἷς που καὶ ἐντευξόμεθα ἐπομένοις τῷ ἵχνει, πρὸς δὲ τοὺς ἐπικειμένους δεῖ τὰ κατὰ νώτου πεφράχθαι μᾶλλον, ὥσπερ ἐν τοῖς πολέμοις, καὶ τοῦτο τακτικώτατον ἥγον τῶν θηρίων, ἔπειτα ἡ διάβασις, εἰ μὲν προδιέβαινον οἱ μέγιστοι σφῶν, οὕπω τεκμαίρεσθαι παρεῖχον ἀν τοῦ ὄδατος εἰ διαβήσονται πάντες, τοῖς μὲν γὰρ εὔπορος τε καὶ ῥᾳδία ἡ περαίωσις ὑψηλοτάτοις οὖσι, τοῖς δὲ χαλεπή τε καὶ ἅπορος,

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“BUT tell me this: did we not, at the beginning CHAP.
of our conversation, declare that the elephants dis- XV

play wisdom and intelligence in what they do?” “Why certainly,” he replied, “we did say so, Damis; for if intelligence did not govern this animal, neither would it subsist, nor the populations among which it lived.” “Why then,” said Damis, “do they conduct their passage over the river in a way so stupid and inconvenient to themselves? For as you see, the smallest one is leading the way, and he is followed by a slightly larger one, then comes another still larger than he, and the biggest ones come last of all. But surely they ought to travel in the opposite fashion, and make the biggest ones a wall and rampart in front of themselves.” “But,” replied Apollonius, “in the first place they appear to be running away from men who are pursuing them, and whom we shall doubtless come across, as they follow the animals’ tracks; and they must and ought to use their best strength to fortify their rear against attack, as is done in war; so that you may regard the elephant as the best tactician to be found among animals. Secondly, as they are crossing a river, if their biggest ones went first, that would not enable the rest of the herd to judge whether the water is shallow enough for all to pass; for the tallest ones would find the passage practicable and easy, but the others would find it dangerous and difficult, because they would not rise above the level of the stream. But the fact that the smallest is able to get across is a sign in itself to the rest that there is no difficulty. And

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μὴ ὑπεραίρουσι τοῦ ῥεύματος, διελθὼν δὲ ὁ σμικρότατος τὸ ἄλυπον ἦδη καὶ τοῖς λοιποῖς ἔρμηνεύει, καὶ ἄλλως οἱ μὲν μείζους προεμβαίνοντες κοιλότερον ἀν τὸν ποταμὸν ἀποφαίνοιεν τοῖς σμικροῖς, ἀνάγκη γὰρ συνιζάνειν τὴν ἵλυν ἐς βόθρους διά τε βαρύτητα τοῦ θηρίου διά τε παχύτητα τῶν ποδῶν, οἱ δὲ ἐλάττους οὐδὲν ἀν βλάπτοιεν τὴν τῶν μειζόνων διαπορείαν ἡττον ἐμβοθρεύοντες.”

XVI

CAP.
XVI

“Ἐγὼ δὲ εὑρον ἐν τοῖς Ἰόβᾳ λόγοις, ώς καὶ ἔυλλαμβάνονταιν ἀλλήλοις ἐν τῇ θήρᾳ καὶ προϊστανται τοῦ ἀπειπόντος, καν ἔξελωνται αὐτόν, τὸ δάκρυον τῆς ἀλόης ἐπαλείφουσι τοῖς τραύμασι περιεστώτες ὥσπερ ἴατροί.” πολλὰ τοιαῦτα ἐφιλοσοφεῖτο αὐτοῖς ἀφορμὰς ποιουμένοις τὰ λόγου ἄξια.

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XVII

Τὰ δὲ Νεάρχῳ τε καὶ Πυθαγόρᾳ περὶ τοῦ Ἀκεσίνου ποταμοῦ εἰρημένα, ώς ἐσβάλλει μὲν ἐς τὸν Ἰνδὸν οὔτος, τρέφει δὲ ὅφεις ἐβδομήκοντα πηγῶν μῆκος, τοιαῦτα εἶναι φασιν, ὅποια εἰρηται, καὶ ἀνακείσθω μοι ὁ λόγος ἐς τοὺς δράκοντας, ὃν ὁ Δάμις ἀφηγεῖται τὴν θήραν. ἀφικόμενοι δὲ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰνδὸν καὶ πρὸς διαβάσει τοῦ ποταμοῦ δύτες ἥροντο τὸν Βαβυλώνιον, εἴ τι τοῦ ποταμοῦ οἶδε, διαβάσεως πέρι ἐρωτῶντες, ὁ δὲ οὕπω ἔφη

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moreover, if the bigger ones went in first, they would CHAP.
deepen the river for the small ones, for the mud is XV
forced to settle down into ruts and trenches, owing
to the heaviness of the animal and the thickness of his
feet; whereas the larger ones are in no way preju-
diced by the smaller ones crossing in front, because
they sink in less deeply."

XVI

"AND I have read in the discourse of Juba that CHAP.
elephants assist one another when they are being XVI
hunted, and that they will defend one that is
exhausted, and if they can remove him out of danger,
they anoint his wounds with the tears of the aloe
tree, standing round him like physicians." Many
such learned discussions were suggested to them as
one occasion after another worth speaking of arose.

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AND the statements made by Nearchus and CHAP.
Pythagoras, about the river Acesines, to the effect XVII
that it debouches into the Indus, and that snakes live
in it seventy cubits long, were, they say, fully verified
by them; but I will defer what I have to say till I come
to speak about dragons, of whose capture Damis gives
an account. But when they reached the Indus and
were inclined to pass over the river, they asked the
Babylonian whether he knew anything of the river,
and questioned him about how to get across it.

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CAP. πεπλευκέναι αὐτόν, οὐδὲ γυγνώσκειν, ὅπόθεν
XVII πλεῖται. “τί οὖν,” ἔφασαν, “οὐκ ἐμισθώσω
ἡγεμόνα;” “ὅτι ἔστιν,” ἔφη, “ὁ ἡγησόμενος,” καὶ
ἄμα ἐδείκνυ τινὰ ἐπιστολὴν ὡς τοῦτο πράξουσαν,
ὅτε δὴ καὶ τὸν Οὐαρδάνην τῆς τε φιλανθρωπίας
καὶ τῆς ἐπιμελείας ἀγασθῆναι φασι· πρὸς γάρ τὸν
ἐπὶ τοῦ Ἰνδοῦ σατράπην ἔπειμψε τὴν ἐπιστολὴν
ταύτην καίτοι μὴ ὑποκείμενον τῇ ἑαυτοῦ ἀρχῇ,
εὐεργεσίας ἀναμιμνήσκων αὐτόν, καὶ χάριν μὲν
οὐκ ἀν ἐπ’ ἐκείνῃ ἀπαιτῆσαι φάσκων—οὐ γάρ
εἶναι πρὸς τοῦ ἑαυτοῦ τρόπου τὸ ἀπαπατεῖν—
‘Ἀπολλώνιον δὲ ὑποδεξαμένῳ καὶ πέμψαντι οἱ
βούλεται χάριν ἀν γνῶναι. χρυσίον δὲ τῷ ἡγεμόνι
ἔδωκεν, ἵν’ εἰ δεηθέντα τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον αἴσθοιτο,
δοίη τοῦτο καὶ μὴ ἐις ἄλλου χείρα βλέψειεν. ἐπεὶ
δὲ τὴν ἐπιστολὴν ὁ Ἰνδὸς ἔλαβε, μεγάλων τε
ἀξιούσθαι ἔφη καὶ φιλοτιμήσεσθαι περὶ τὸν ἄνδρα
μείον οὐδὲν ἦ εἰ ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰνδῶν ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ
ἔγραφε, καὶ τὴν τε ναῦν τὴν σατραπίδα ἔδωκεν
αὐτῷ ἐμβῆναι πλοῖά τε ἔτερα, ἐφ’ ὧν αἱ κάμηλοι
ἐκομίζοντο, ἡγεμόνα τε τῆς γῆς πάσης, ἦν ὁ
‘Τδραώτης ὁρίζει, πρός τε τὸν βασιλέα τὸν ἑαυτοῦ
ἔγραψε μὴ χείρω αὐτοῦ Οὐαρδάνου γενέσθαι περὶ¹
ἄνδρα “Ἐλληνά τε καὶ θεῖον.

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But he said that he had never navigated it, nor did CHAP.
he know whence they could get a boat on to it. "Why XVII
then," said they, "did you not hire a guide?"
"Because," he said, "I have one who will direct us."
And with that, he showed them a letter, written to
that effect, and this gave them occasion to marvel
afresh at the humanity and foresight of Vardanes.
For he had addressed the letter in question to the
satrap of the Indus, although he was not subject to
his dominion; and in it he reminded him of the
good service he had done him, but declared that
he would not ask any recompense for the same,
"for," he said, "it is not my habit to ask for a return
of favours." But he said he would be very grateful,
if he would give a welcome to Apollonius and send
him on wherever he wished to go. And he had given
gold to the guide, so that in case he found Apollonius
in want thereof, he might give it him and save him
from looking to the generosity of anyone else. And
when the Indian received the letter, he declared that
he was highly honoured, and would interest himself in
the sage as much as if the king of India had written
in his behalf; and he lent his official boat for him
to embark in and other vessels on which the camels
were ferried across, and he also sent a guide to the
whole of the country which is bordered by the
Hydraotes, and he wrote to his own king, begging
him not to treat with less respect than Vardanes a
man who was a Greek and divine.

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CAP.
XVIII Τὸν μὲν δὴ Ἰνδὸν ὡδε ἐπεραιώθησαν σταδίους
μίλιστα τεσσαράκοντα, τὸ γὰρ πλόιμον αὐτοῦ
τοσοῦτον, περὶ δὲ τοῦ ποταμοῦ τούτου τάδε
γράφουσι· τὸν Ἰνδὸν ἄρχεσθαι μὲν ἐκ τοῦ Καυ-
κάσου μείζω αὐτόθεν ἡ οἵ κατὰ τὴν Ἀσίαν ποταμοὶ¹
πάντες, προχωρεῖν δὲ πολλοὺς τῶν ναυσιπόρων
έαυτοῦ ποιούμενον, ἀδελφὰ δὲ τῷ Νείλῳ πράττοντα
τῇ τε Ἰνδικῇ ἐπιχεῖσθαι γῆν τε ἐπάγειν τῇ γῇ καὶ
παρέχειν Ἰνδοῖς τὸν Αἴγυπτίων τρόπον σπείρειν.
χιόσι δ' Αἰθιόπων τε καὶ Καταδούπων ὁρῶν
ἀντιλέγειν μὲν οὐκ ἀξιῶ διὰ τοὺς εἰπόντας, οὐ μὴν
ξυντίθεμαί γε λογιζόμενος τὸν Ἰνδόν, ὡς ταῦτὸν
τῷ Νείλῳ ἐργάζεται μὴ νιφομένης τῆς ὑπὲρ αὐτὸν
χώρας, καὶ ἄλλως τὸν θεὸν οἶδα κέρατα τῆς γῆς
ξυμπάσης Αἰθίοπάς τε καὶ Ἰνδοὺς ἀποφαίνοντα
μελαίνοντά τε τοὺς μὲν ἀρχομένους ἥλιους, τοὺς δὲ
λήγοντος, δὲ πῶς ἀν ξυνέβαινε περὶ τοὺς ἀνθρώπους,
εἰ μὴ καὶ τὸν χειμῶνα ἔθέροντο; ἦν δὲ ἀνὰ πᾶν
ἔτος θάλπει γῆν ἥλιος, πῶς ἀν τις ἡγοῖτο νίφεσθαι,
πῶς δ' ἀν τὴν χιόνα χορηγὸν τοῖς ἐκείνῃ ποταμοῖς
γίγνεσθαι τοῦ ὑπεραίρειν τὰ σφῶν αὐτῶν μέτρα;
εἰ δὲ καὶ φοιτᾶν χιόνα ἐσ τὰ οὗτα πρόσειλα, πῶς
ἀν αὐτὴν ἐσ τοσόνδε ἀναχυθῆναι πέλαγος; πῶς δ'
ἀν ἀποχρῆσαι ποταμῷ βυθίζοντι Αἴγυπτον;

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THUS they crossed the Indus at a point where it was nearly 40 stades broad, for such is the size of its navigable portion ; and they write the following account of this river. They say that the Indus arises in the Caucasus and is bigger at its source than any of the other rivers of Asia ; and as it advances it absorbs into itself several navigable rivers and, like the Nile, it floods the land of India and brings down soil over it, and so provides the Indians with land to sow in the manner of the Egyptians. Now it is said that there is snow on the hills in Ethiopia and in the land of the Catadupi, and I do not choose to contradict, out of respect for the authorities ; nevertheless, I cannot agree with them, when I consider how the river Indus effects the same results as the Nile, without any snow falling on the country that rises behind and above it. And moreover I know that God has set the Ethiopian and the Indian at the two extremes or horns of the entire earth, making black the latter who dwell where the sun rises no less than the former who dwell where it sets ; now how should this be the case of the inhabitants, unless they enjoyed summer heat during the winter ? But where the sun warms the earth all through the year, how can one suppose that it ever snows ? And how could it ever snow there so hard, as to supply the rivers there with water, and make them rise above their normal levels ? But even if there were frequent snowfalls in regions so exposed to the sun, how could the melted snow ever cover such an expanse as to resemble a sea ? And how could it ever supply a river which deluges the whole of Egypt ?

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CAP.
XIX Κομιζόμενοι δὲ διὰ τοῦ Ἰνδοῦ πολλοῖς μὲν ποτα-
μοῖς ἵπποις ἐντυχεῖν φασι, πολλοῖς δὲ κροκοδέ-
λοις, ὥσπερ οἱ τὸν Νεῖλον πλέοντες, λέγουσι δὲ
καὶ ἄνθη τῷ Ἰνδῷ εἶναι, οἷα τοῦ Νείλου ἀναφύεται,
καὶ τὰς ὥρας, αἱ περὶ τὴν Ἰνδικήν εἰσι, χειμῶνος
μὲν ἀλεεινὰς εἶναι, θέρους δὲ πυνγηράς, πρὸς δὲ
τοῦτο ἄριστα μεμηχανῆσθαι τῷ δαίμονι; τὴν γὰρ
χώραν αὐτοῖς θαμὰ ὕεσθαι. φασὶ δὲ καὶ ἀκοῦσαι
τῶν Ἰνδῶν, ώς ἀφικνοῦτο μὲν ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐπὶ τὸν
ποταμὸν τοῦτον, ὅτε ἀναβιβάζοιεν αὐτὸν αἱ ὥραι,
θύοι δὲ αὐτῷ ταύρους τε καὶ ἵππους μέλανας—τὸ
γὰρ λευκὸν ἀτιμότερον Ἰνδοὶ τίθενται τοῦ μέλανος
δι', οἵμαι, τὸ ἑαυτῶν χρῶμα—θύσαντα δὲ κατα-
ποντοῦν φασι τῷ ποταμῷ χρυσοῦν μέτρον, εἴκα-
σμένον τῷ ἀπομετροῦντι τὸν σῖτον, καὶ ἐφ' ὅτῳ μὲν
τοῦτο πράττει ὁ βασιλεύς, οὐ ξυμβαλέσθαι τοὺς
Ἰνδούς, αὐτὸι δὲ τεκμαίρεσθαι τὸ μέτρον κατα-
ποντοῦσθαι τοῦτο ἡ ὑπὲρ ἀφθονίας καρπῶν, οὓς
γεωργοὶ ἀπομετροῦσιν, ἡ ὑπὲρ ξυμμετρίας τοῦ
ῥεύματος, ώς μὴ κατακλύσειε τὴν γῆν πολὺς
ἀφικόμενος.

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CAP.
XX Πορευθέντας δὲ αὐτοὺς ὑπὲρ τὸν ποταμὸν ἦγεν
ὁ παρὰ τοῦ σατράπου ἡγεμὼν εὐθὺς τῶν Ταξίλων,
οὐ τὰ βασίλεια ἦν τῷ Ἰνδῷ. στολὴν δὲ εἶναι τοῖς

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AND as they were being conveyed across the Indus, CHAP.

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they say that they came across many river-horses,

CHAP.

and many crocodiles, just as those do who sail along

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the Nile ; and they say that the vegetation on the

CHAP.

Indus resembles that which grows along the Nile, and

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that the climate of India is sunny in winter, but

CHAP.

suffocating in summer ; but to counteract this

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Providence has excellently contrived that it should

CHAP.

often rain in their country. And they also say that

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they learned from the Indians that the king was in

CHAP.

the habit of coming to this river when it rose in the

XIX

appropriate seasons, and would sacrifice to the river

CHAP.

bulls and black horses ; for white is less esteemed by

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the Indians than black, because, I imagine, the latter

CHAP.

is their own colour ; and when he has sacrificed, they

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say that he plunges into the river a measure of gold

CHAP.

made to resemble that which is used in measuring

XIX

wheat. And why the king does this, the Indians,

CHAP.

they say, have no idea ; but they themselves con-

XIX

jectured that this measure was sunk in the river,

CHAP.

either to secure the plentiful harvest, whose yield

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the farmers use such a measure to gauge, or to keep

CHAP.

the river within its proper bounds and prevent it

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from rising to such heights as that it would drown

CHAP.

the land.

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AND after they had crossed the river, they were CHAP.

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conducted by the satrap's guide direct to Taxila,

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where the Indian had his royal palace. And they

Dress of the

say that on this side of the Indus the dress of the

Indian

natives

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CAP. μετὰ τὸν Ἰνδὸν λίνου φασὶν ἐγχωρίους καὶ ὑποδή-
xx ματα βύθλους καὶ κυνῆν, ὅτε ὕοι, καὶ βύσσῳ δὲ
τοὺς φανερωτέρους αὐτῶν φασιν ἐστάλθαι, τὴν δὲ
βύσσον φύεσθαι δένδρου φασὶν ὄμοίου μὲν τῇ
λεύκῃ τὴν βάσιν, παραπλησίου δὲ τῇ ἵτεᾳ τὰ
πέταλα. καὶ ἡσθῆναι τῇ βύσσῳ φησὶν ὁ Ἀπολ-
λώνιος, ἐπειδὴ ἔοικε φαιῷ τρίβωνι. καὶ ἐς Αἴγυ-
πτον δὲ ἐξ Ἰνδῶν ἐς πολλὰ τῶν ἱερῶν φοιτᾷ ἡ
βύσσος. τὰ δε Τάξιλα μέγεθος μὲν εἶναι κατὰ
τὴν Νῖνον, τετειχίσθαι δὲ ἔνυμμέτρως, ὥσπερ αἱ
Ἐλλάδες, βασίλεια δὲ εἶναι ἀνδρὸς τὴν Πώρου
τότε ἀρχὴν ἀρχοντος, νεὼν δὲ πρὸ τοῦ τείχους
ἰδεῖν φασιν οὐ παρὰ πολὺ τῶν ἑκατομπόδων λίθου
κογχυλιάτου, καὶ κατεσκευάσθαι τι ἱερὸν ἐν αὐτῷ
ἡττον μὲν ἡ κατὰ τὸν νεὼν τοσοῦτόν τε ὄντα καὶ
περικίονα, θαυμάσαι δὲ ἄξιον χαλκοῦ γὰρ πίνακες
ἐγκεκρότηνται τοίχῳ ἐκάστῳ, γεγραμμένοι τὰ
Πώρου τε καὶ Ἀλεξάνδρου ἔργα· γεγράφαται
δὲ ὄρειχάλκῳ καὶ ἀργύρῳ καὶ χρυσῷ καὶ χαλκῷ
μέλανι ἐλέφαντες ἵπποι στρατιῶται κράνη ἀσπίδες,
λόγχαι δὲ καὶ βέλη καὶ ξίφη σιδήρου πάντα, καὶ
ὥσπερ λόγος εὐδοκίμου γραφῆς, οἷον εἰ Ζεύξιδος
εἴη τι ἡ Πολυγνώτου τε καὶ Εὐφράνορος, οἱ τὸ
εὔσκιον ἡσπάσαντο καὶ τὸ ἔμπνουν καὶ τὸ ἐσέχον
τε καὶ ἔξεχον, οὕτως, φασί, κάκει διαφαίνεται, καὶ
ξυντετήκασιν αἱ ὑλαι καθάπερ χρώματα. ἡδὺ δὲ
καὶ αὐτὸ τὸ ἥθος τῆς γραφῆς· ἀναθεὶς γὰρ ταῦτα
μετὰ τὴν τοῦ Μακεδόνος τελευτὴν ὁ Πώρος νικᾷ
ἐν αὐτοῖς ὁ Μακεδὼν καὶ τὸν Πώρον ἀνακτᾶται

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people consists of native linen, with shoes of byblus CHAP.
and a hat when it rains ; but that the upper classes XX

there are apparelled in byssus ; and that the byssus
grows upon a tree of which the stem resembles that
of the white poplar, and the leaves those of the
willow. And Apollonius says that he was delighted

Byssus
exported to
Egypt

with the byssus, because it resembled his sable

philosopher's cloak. And the byssus is imported into

Egypt from India for many sacred uses. Taxila, they

Greek
reliefs in
Temple at
Taxila

tell us, is about as big as Nineveh, and was fortified

fairly well after the manner of Greek cities ; and here

was the royal residence of the personage who then

ruled the empire of Porus. And they saw a Temple,

they say, in front of the wall, which was not far

short of 100 feet in size, made of porphyry, and

there was constructed within it a shrine, somewhat

small as compared with the great size of the Temple

which is also surrounded with columns, and deserving

of notice. For bronze tablets were nailed into each

of its walls on which were engraved the exploits of

Porus and Alexander. But the pattern was wrought

with orichalcus and silver and gold and black bronze,

and you saw elephants, horses, soldiers, helmets,

shields, and spears, and javelins and swords, all made

of iron ; and, if we are to believe report, in a re-

spectable style of art resembling that of Zeuxis or

Polygnotus and Euphranor, who delighted in light

and shade and infused life into their designs, as

well as a sense of depth and relief. And the metals

were blended in the design, melted in like so many

colours ; and the character of the picture was also

pleasing in itself, for Porus dedicated these designs

after the death of the Macedonian, who is depicted

in them in the hour of victory, reinstating Porus who

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CAP. τετρωμένον καὶ δωρεῖται τὴν Ἰνδικὴν ἑαυτοῦ λοιπὸν
^{XX} οὖσαν. λέγεται δὲ καὶ πενθῆσαι τὸν Ἀλέξανδρον
ἀποθανόντα ὁ Πῶρος, ὀλοφύρασθαι τε ὡς γενναῖον
καὶ χρηστὸν βασιλέα, ζῶντος τε Ἀλεξάνδρου μετὰ
τὴν ἐκ τῆς Ἰνδικῆς ἀναχώρησιν μήτε εἰπεῖν τι ὡς
βασιλεὺς καίτοι ξυγχωροῦντος, μήτε προστάξαι
τοὺς Ἰνδοῖς, ἀλλ' ὥσπερ σατράπης σωφροσύνης
μεστὸς εἶναι καὶ πράττειν ἐς χάριν τὴν ἔκείνου
πάντα.

XXI

CAP. Οὐ ξυγχωρεῖ μοι ὁ λόγος παρελθεῖν ἢ περὶ τοῦ
^{XXI} Πώρου τούτου ἀναγράφουσι· πρὸς διαβάσει γὰρ
τοῦ Μακεδόνος ὅντος καὶ ξυμβουλευόντων αὐτῷ
ἐνίων τοὺς ὑπὲρ τὸν Ἄφασίν τε καὶ τὸν Γάγγην
ποταμὸν ποιεῖσθαι ξυμμάχους, οὐ γὰρ ἀν πρὸς
τὴν Ἰνδικὴν πᾶσαν ξυμφρονοῦσαν παρατάξεσθαι
ποτε αὐτόν, “εἰ τοιοῦτόν ἐστί μοι,” ἔφη, “τὸ ὑπή-
κοον, ὡς μὴ σώζεσθαι ἄνευ ξυμμάχων, ἐμοὶ βέλ-
τιον τὸ μὴ ἄρχειν.” ἀπαγγείλαντος δὲ αὐτῷ
τινος, ὅτι Δαρείου ἥρηκε, “βασιλέα,” ἔφη, “ἄνδρα
δὲ οὐ.” τὸν δὲ ἐλέφαντα, ἐφ’ οὐ μάχεσθαι ἔμελλε,
κοσμήσαντος τοῦ ὄρεωκόμου καὶ εἰπόντος “οὗτος
σέ, ὡς βασιλεῦ, οἴσει,” “ἐγὼ μὲν οὖν,” ἔφη,
“τοῦτον, ἦν γε ἀνὴρ ἐμαυτῷ ὅμοιος γένωμαι.”
γνώμην δὲ ποιουμένων θῦσαι αὐτὸν τῷ ποταμῷ,
ώς μὴ δέξαιτο τὰς Μακεδόνων σχεδίας, μηδὲ
εὑπορος τῷ Ἀλεξάνδρῳ γένοιτο, “οὐκ ἐστιν,” ἔφη,
“τῶν ὅπλα ἔχόντων τὸ καταράσθαι.” μετὰ δὲ τὴν

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is wounded, and presenting him with India which was CHAP.
now his gift. And it is said that Porus was grieved ^{XX}
at the death of Alexander, and that he lamented <sup>Alexander
and King
Porus</sup>
him as a generous and good prince; and as long as
Alexander was alive after his departure from India,
he never used the royal diction and style, although
he had license to do so, nor issued kingly edicts to
the Indians, but figured himself as a satrap full of
moderation, and guided in every action by the wish
to please Alexander.

XXI

My argument does not allow me to pass over CHAP.
the accounts written of this Porus. For when the ^{XXI}
Macedonian was about to cross the river, and
some of Porus' advisers wished him to make an
alliance with the kings on the other side of
the Hyphasis and of the Ganges, urging that the
invader would never face a general coalition against
him of the whole of India, he replied: "If the
temper of my subjects is such that I cannot save
myself without allies, then for me it is better not to be
king." And when some one announced to him that
Alexander had captured Darius, he remarked, "a king
but not a man." And when the mule-driver had
caparisoned the elephant on which he meant to fight,
and said: "He, oh king, will carry you," he replied:
"Nay, I shall carry him, if I prove myself the same
man I used to be." And when they counselled him to
sacrifice to the river, and induce it to reject the rafts
of the Macedonians, and make itself impassable to
Alexander, he said: "It ill befits those who have
arms to resort to imprecation." And after the

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CAP. μάχην, ὅτε καὶ τῷ Ἀλεξάνδρῳ θεῖός τε καὶ ὑπὲ^{XXI} τὴν φύσιν τὴν ἀνθρωπείαν ἔδοξεν, εἰπόντος τῷ
ξυγγενῶν τινος, “εἰ δὲ προσεκύνησας διαβάντα
ῷ Πῶρε, οὗτ’ ἀν ἡττήθης μαχόμενος οὕτ’ ἀ-
τοσοῦτοι Ἰνδῶν ἀπώλοντο, οὕτ’ ἀν αὐτὸς ἐτ-
ρωσο,” “ἔγὼ τὸν Ἀλέξανδρον,” εἶπε, “φιλοτι-
μότατον ἀκούων ξυνῆκα, ὅτι προσκυνήσαντα με-
δοῦλόν με ἥγησεται, πολεμήσαντα δὲ βασιλέα
καὶ θαυμάζεσθαι μᾶλλον ἡξίουν ἢ ἐλεεῖσθαι, κα-
ούκ ἐψεύσθην παρασχὼν γὰρ ἐμαυτόν, οἷος
Ἀλέξανδρος εἰδε, πάντα ἐν ἡμέρᾳ μᾶς καὶ ἀπό-
λεσα καὶ ἐκτησάμην.” τοιοῦτον μὲν τὸν Ἰνδὸν
τοῦτον ἔξιστοροῦσι, γενέσθαι δέ φασιν αὐτὸς
κάλλιστον Ἰνδῶν καὶ μῆκος, δσον οὕπω τινὰ
ἀνθρώπων τῶν μετὰ τοὺς Τρωικοὺς ἄνδρας, εἶναι
δὲ κομιδῇ νέον, ὅτε τῷ Ἀλεξάνδρῳ ἐπολέμει.

XXII

CAP. “Ον δὲ διέτριβεν ἐν τῷ ἵερῷ χρόνον, πολὺς δὲ^{XXII} οὗτος ἐγένετο, ἔστ’ ἀν ἀγγελθῆ τῷ βασιλεῖ ξένους
ῆκειν, “ὦ Δάμι,” ἔφη ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, “ἔστι τι
γραφική;” “εἴ γε,” εἶπε, “καὶ ἀληθεία.” “πράττει
δὲ τί ἡ τέχνη αὐτῇ;” “τὰ χρώματα,” ἔφη, “ξυγκε-
ράννυσιν, ὅπόσα ἔστι, τὰ κυανὰ τοῖς βατραχείοις
καὶ τὰ λευκὰ τοῖς μέλασι καὶ τὰ πυρσὰ τοῖς
ώχροῖς.” “ταυτὶ δέ,” ἦ δ ὅς, “ὑπὲρ τίνος μι-
γνυσιν; οὐ γὰρ ὑπὲρ μόνου τοῦ ἄνθους, ὥσπερ αἱ
κήριναι.” “ὑπὲρ μιμήσεως,” ἔφη, “καὶ τοῦ κύνα
τε ἔξεικάσαι καὶ ἵππον καὶ ἀνθρωπον καὶ ναῦν καὶ

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battle, in which his conduct struck Alexander as CHAP.
divine and superhuman, when one of his relations XXI
said to him : " If you had only paid homage to him
after he had crossed, O Porus, you would not
yourself have been defeated in battle, nor would so
many Indians have lost their lives, nor would you
yourself have been wounded," he said : " I knew from
report that Alexander was so fond of glory that, if I
did homage to him, he would regard me as a slave,
but if I fought him, as a king. And I much
preferred his admiration to his pity, nor was I wrong
in my calculation. For by shewing myself to be such
a man as Alexander found me, I both lost and won
everything in one day." Such is the character which
historians give of this Indian, and they say that he was
the handsomest of his race, and in stature taller than
any man since the Trojan heroes, but that he was
quite young, when he went to war with Alexander.

XXII

WHILE he was waiting in the Temple,—and it took CHAP.
a long time for the king to be informed that XXII
strangers had arrived,—Apollonius said : " O Damis,
is there such a thing as painting ? " " Why, yes,"
he answered, " if there be any such thing as
truth." " And what does this art do ? " " It
mixes together," replied Damis, " all the colours
there are, blue with green, and white with
black, and red with yellow." " And for what
reason," said the other, " does it mix these ? For
it isn't merely to get a colour, like dyed wax." "It is," said Damis, " for the sake of imitation, and

Apollonius
discusses
painting
with Damis

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CAP. ὁποσα ὄρᾳ ὁ ηλιος· ηδη δὲ καὶ τὸν ηλιον αὐτὸν
 XXII ἔξεικάζει τοτὲ μὲν ἐπὶ τεττάρων ἵππων, οἷς
 ἐνταῦθα λέγεται φαίνεσθαι, τοτὲ δ' αὖ καὶ διαπυρ-
 σεύοντα τοῦ οὐρανοῦ, ἐπειδὰν αἰθέρα ὑπογράφῃ
 καὶ θεῶν οἰκον." "μίμησις οὖν ἡ γραφική, ὡς
 Δάμι;" "τί δὲ ἄλλο;" εἶπεν, "εἰ γὰρ μὴ τοῦτο
 πράττοι, γελοία δόξει χρώματα ποιοῦσα εὑήθως."
 "τὰ δὲ ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ," ἔφη, "βλεπόμενα, ἐπειδὰν
 αἱ νεφέλαι διασπασθῶσιν ἀπ' ἄλλήλων, τοὺς
 κενταύρους καὶ τραγελάφους καί, νὴ Δῖ, οἱ λύκοι
 τε καὶ οἱ ἵπποι, τί φήσεις; ἀρ' οὐ μιμητικῆς εἰναι
 ἔργα;" "ἔοικεν," ἔφη. "ζωγράφος οὖν ὁ θεός, ὡς
 Δάμι, καὶ καταλιπὼν τὸ πτηνὸν ἄρμα, ἐφ' οὐ πο-
 ρεύεται διακοσμῶν τὰ θεῖά τε καὶ ἀνθρώπεια, κάθη-
 ται τότε ἀθύρων τε καὶ γράφων ταῦτα, ὥσπερ οἱ
 παιδεῖς ἐν τῇ ψάμμῳ;" ἡρυθρίασεν ὁ Δάμις ἐς οὗτως
 ἄτοπον ἐκπεσεῖν δόξαντος τοῦ λόγου. οὐχ ὑπερι-
 δῶν οὖν αὐτὸν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, οὐδὲ γὰρ πικρὸς
 πρὸς τὰς ἐλέγξεις ἦν, "ἄλλὰ μὴ τοῦτο," ἔφη, "βούλει
 λέγειν, ὡς Δάμι, τὸ ταῦτα μὲν ἄσημά τε καὶ ὡς ἔτυχε
 διὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ φέρεσθαι τόγε ἐπὶ τῷ θεῷ, ἡμᾶς
 δὲ φύσει τὸ μιμητικὸν ἔχοντας ἀναρρυθμίζειν τε
 αὐτὰ καὶ ποιεῖν;" "μᾶλλον," ἔφη, "τοῦτο ήγώ-
 μεθα, ὡς Ἀπολλώνιε, πιθανώτερον γὰρ καὶ πολλῷ
 βέλτιον." "διττὴ ἄρα ἡ μιμητική, ὡς Δάμι, καὶ"

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to get a likeness of a dog, or a horse, or a man, or a CHAP.
ship, or of anything else under the sun ; and what is
more, you see the sun himself represented, sometimes
borne upon a four horse car, as he is said to be seen
here, and sometimes again traversing the heaven
with his torch, in case you are depicting the ether
and the home of the gods." "Then, O Damis,
painting is imitation ?" "And what else could it
be ?" said he : "for if it did not effect that, it would
be voted to be an idle playing with colours." "And,"
said the other, "the things which are seen in ~~animal~~
heaven, whenever the clouds are torn away from one ~~a cloud~~
another, I mean the centaurs and stag-antelopes, yes,
and the wolves too, and the horses, what have you
got to say about them ? Are we not to regard
them as works of imitation ?" "It would seem so,"
he replied. "Then, Damis, God is a painter, and
has left his winged chariot, upon which he travels, as
he disposes of affairs human and divine, and he sits
down on these occasions to amuse himself by
drawing these pictures, as children make figures in
the sand." Damis blushed, for he felt that his
argument was reduced to such an absurdity. But
Apollonius, on his side, had no wish to humiliate him,
for he was not unfeeling in his refutations of people,
and said : "But I am sure, Damis, you did not mean
that ; rather that these figures flit through the heaven
not only without meaning, but, so far as providence
is concerned, by mere chance ; while we who by
nature are prone to imitation rearrange and create
them in these regular figures." "We may," he
said, "rather consider this to be the case, O Apol-
lonius, for it is more probable, and a much sounder
idea." "Then, O Damis, the mimetic art is

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CAP. τὴν μὲν ἡγώμεθα οἶαν τῇ χειρὶ ἀπομιμεῖσθαι καὶ
 ξκλιτικήν δὲ εἶναι ταύτην, τὴν δ' αὖ μόνῳ
 τῷ νῷ εἰκάζειν.” “οὐ διττήν,” ἔφη ὁ Δάμις,
 “ἀλλὰ τὴν μὲν τελεωτέραν ἡγεῖσθαι προσήκει
 γραφικήν γε οὐσαν, ἢ δύναται καὶ τῷ νῷ καὶ τῇ
 χειρὶ ἔξεικάσαι, τὴν δὲ ἐτέραν ἐκείνης μόριον.
 ἐπειδὴ ξυνίησι μὲν καὶ μιμεῖται τῷ νῷ καὶ μὴ
 γραφικός τις ὅν, τῇ χειρὶ δὲ οὐκ ἀν ἐς τὸ γράφειν
 αὐτὰ χρήσαιτο.” “ἄρα,” ἔφη, “ὦ Δάμι, πεπη-
 ρωμένος τὴν χεῖρα ὑπὸ πληγῆς τινος ἦ νόσου;
 “μὰ Δί,” εἶπεν, “ἀλλ' ὑπὸ τοῦ μήτε γραφίδος
 τινὸς ἥφθαι, μήτε ὄργανου τινὸς ἦ χρώματος, ἀλλ'
 ἀμαθῶς ἔχειν τοῦ γράφειν.” “οὐκοῦν,” ἔφη, “ὦ
 Δάμι, ἄμφω ὁμολογοῦμεν μιμητικὴν μὲν ἐκ φύσεως
 τοῖς ἀνθρώποις ἥκειν, τὴν γραφικὴν δὲ ἐκ τέχνης.
 τουτὶ δ' ἀν καὶ περὶ τὴν πλαστικὴν φαίνοιτο. τὴν
 δὲ δὴ ζωγραφίαν αὐτὴν οὕ μοι δοκεῖς μόνον τὴν
 διὰ τῶν χρωμάτων ἡγεῖσθαι, καὶ γὰρ ἐν χρῶμα
 ἐς αὐτὴν ἥρκεσε τοῖς γε ἀρχαιοτέροις τῶν γραφέων
 καὶ προϊοῦσα τεττάρων εἴτα πλειόνων ἥψατο,
 ἀλλὰ καὶ γραμμῆν καὶ τὸ ἄνευ χρώματος, δὲ δὴ
 σκιᾶς τε ξύγκειται καὶ φωτός, ζωγραφίαν προσ-
 ἤκει καλεῖν· καὶ γὰρ ἐν αὐτοῖς ὁμοιότης τε ὄρâται
 εἰδός τε καὶ νοῦς καὶ αἰδὼς καὶ θρασύτης, καίτοι
 χηρεύει χρωμάτων ταῦτα, καὶ οὕτε αἷμα ἐνσημαί-
 νει οὕτε κόμης τινὸς ἦ ὑπήνης ἄνθος, ἀλλὰ
 μονοτρόπως ξυντιθέμενα τῷ τε ξανθῷ ἀνθρώπῳ

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twofold, and we may regard the one kind as an employment of the hands and mind in producing imitations, and declare that this is painting, whereas the other kind consists in making likenesses with the mind alone." "Not twofold," replied Damis, "for we ought to regard the former as the more perfect and more complete kind being anyhow painting, and a faculty of making likenesses with the help both of mind and hand; but we must regard the other kind as a department of that, since its possessor perceives and imitates with the mind, without having the delineative faculty, and would never use his hand in depicting its objects." "Then," said Apollonius, "you mean, Damis, that the hand is disabled by a blow or by disease?" "No," he answered, "but it is disabled, because it has never handled pencil nor any instrument or colour, and has never learned to draw." "Then," said the other, "we are both of us, Damis, agreed that man owes his mimetic faculty to nature, but his power of painting to art. And the same would appear to be true of plastic art. But, methinks, you would not confine painting itself to the mere use of colours, for a single colour was often found sufficient for this purpose by our older painters; and as the art advanced, it employed four, and later, yet more; but we must also concede the name of a painting to an outline drawn without any colour at all, and composed merely of shadow and light. For in such designs we see a resemblance, we see form and expression, and modesty and bravery, although they are altogether devoid of colour; and neither blood is represented, nor the colour of a man's hair or beard; nevertheless these compositions in monochrome are likenesses of people either tawny

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CAP. **xxii** ἔσικε καὶ τῷ λευκῷ, καὶ τούτων τινὰ τῶν Ἰνδῶν λευκῆ τῇ γραμμῇ γράψωμεν, μέλας δήπου δόξει, τὸ γὰρ ὑπόσιμον τῆς ρίνδος καὶ οἱ ὄρθοὶ βόστρυχοι καὶ ἡ περιττὴ γένυς καὶ ἡ περὶ τοῦ ὀφθαλμοῦ οἷον ἔκπληξις μελαίνει τὰ ὄρώμενα καὶ Ἰνδὸν ὑπογράφει τοῖς γε μὴ ἀνοήτως ὄρωσιν. ὅθεν εἴποιμ' ἀν καὶ τοὺς ὄρῶντας τὰ τῆς γραφικῆς ἔργα μιμητικῆς δεῖσθαι· οὐ γὰρ ἀν ἐπαινέσειέ τις τὸν γεγραμμένον ἵππον ἡ ταῦρον μὴ τὸ ζῷον ἐνθυμηθεὶς φειδωλον καὶ ώς εἰκὼς αὐτὸν ἀπεκτονότα τὰ ἐν τῇ Τροίᾳ βουκόλια καθῆσθαι ἀπειρηκότα, βουλὴν ποιούμενον καὶ ἑαυτὸν κτεῖναι. ταυτὶ δέ, ὡ Δάμη, τὰ τοῦ Πώρου δαίδαλα μήτε χαλκευτικῆς μόνον ἀποφαινώμεθα, γεγραμμένοις γὰρ εἰκασται, μήτε γραφικῆς, ἐπειδὴ ἔχαλκεύθη, ἀλλ' ἡγώμεθα σοφίσασθαι αὐτὰ γραφικόν τε καὶ χαλκευτικὸν ἔνα ἀνδρα, οἷον δή τι παρ' Ὁμήρῳ τὸ τοῦ Ἡφαίστου περὶ τὴν τοῦ Ἀχιλλέως ἀσπίδα ἀναφαίνεται. μεστὰ γὰρ καὶ ταῦτα ὀλλύντων τε καὶ ὀλλυμένων, καὶ τὴν γῆν ἥματωσθαι φήσεις χαλκῆν οὖσαν.”

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or white, and even if we drew one of these Indians ^{CHAP} XXII with a white pencil, yet he would seem black, for there would be his flat nose, and his stiff curling locks and prominent jaw, and a certain gleam about his eyes, to give a black look to the picture and depict an Indian to the eyes of all those who have intelligence. And for this reason I should say that those who look at works of painting and drawing require a mimetic faculty; for no one could appreciate or admire a picture of a horse or of a bull, unless he had formed an idea of the creature represented. Nor again could one admire a picture of Ajax, by the painter Timomachus, which represents him in a state of madness, unless one had conceived in one's mind first an idea or notion of Ajax, and had entertained the probability that after killing the flocks in Troy he would sit down exhausted and meditate suicide. But these elaborate works of Porus we cannot, Damis, regard as works of brass founding alone, for they resemble regular pictures, nor as works of painting alone, for they are cast in brass; so let us regard them as the *chef's d' œuvre* of a man who is both painter and brass-founder at once, and as similar to the work of Hephaestus upon the shield of Achilles, as revealed in Homer. For there are crowded together in that work too men slaying and slain, and you would say that the earth was stained with gore, though it is made of brass."

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XXIII

CAP.
XXIII Τοιαῦτα σπουδάζοντι τῷ ἀνδρὶ ἐφίστανται παρὰ τοῦ βασιλέως ἄγγελοι καὶ ἑρμηνεύς, ὡς ποιοῖτο αὐτὸν ὁ βασιλεὺς ξένον ἐς τρεῖς ἡμέρας, μὴ γὰρ πλειόνων νενομίσθαι τοὺς ξένους ἐνομίλεων τῇ πόλει, καὶ ἡγοῦντο αὐτῷ ἐς τὰ βασίλεια. ἡ πόλις δὲ ὡς μὲν ἔχει τοῦ τείχους, εἰρηκα, φασὶ δὲ ὡς ἀτάκτως τε καὶ Ἀττικῶς τοὺς στενωποὺς τέτμηται κατεσκεύασται τε οἰκίαις, εἰ μὲν ἔξωθεν ὁρώῃ τις αὐτάς, ἕνα ἔχούσαις ὅροφον, εἰ δὲ ἔσω παρέλθοι τις, ὑπογείοις ἥδη καὶ παρεχομέναις ἵσα τοῖς ἄνω τὰ ὑπὸ τῇ γῆ.

XXIV

CAP.
XXIV Ἰερὸν δὲ ἴδειν 'Ηλίου φασίν, φὲ ἀνεῖτο Αἴας ἐλέφας, καὶ ἀγάλματα Ἀλεξάνδρου χρυσᾶ καὶ Πώρου ἔτερα, χαλκοῦ δὲ ἦν ταῦτα μέλανος. οἱ δὲ τοῦ ἱεροῦ τοῖχοι, πυρσαῖς λίθοις ὑπαστράπτει χρυσὸς αὐγὴν ἐκδιδοὺς ἐοικυναν ἀκτῖνι. τὸ δὲ ἔδος αὐτὸς μαργαρίτιδος ξύγκειται ξυμβολικὸν τρόπουν, φὲ βάρβαροι πάντες ἐς τὰ ἱερὰ χρῶνται.

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XXIII

WHILE the sage was engaged in this conversation, messengers and an interpreter presented themselves from the king, to say that the king would make him his guest for three days,¹ because the laws did not allow of strangers residing in the city for a longer time; and accordingly they conducted him into the palace. I have already described the way in which the city is walled, but they say that it was divided up into narrow streets in the same irregular manner as is Athens, and that the houses were built in such a way that if you look at them from outside they had only one storey, while if you went into one of them, you at once found subterranean chambers extending as far below the level of the earth as did the chambers above.

CHAP.
XXIII

Description
of houses
in Taxila

XXIV

AND they say that they saw a Temple of the Sun in which was kept a sacred elephant called Ajax, and there were images of Alexander made of gold, and others of Porus, though the latter were of black bronze. But on the walls of the Temple there were red stones, and gold glittered underneath, and gave off a sheen as bright as sunlight. But the statue was compacted of pearls arranged in the symbolic manner affected by all barbarians in their shrines.

CHAP.
XXIV

The temple
elephant
Ajax, and
images of
Alexander

¹ Compare the proverb “Saepe dies post tres vilescit piscis et hospes,” and cp. W. Robertson Smith, *Religion of the Semites*, 1901, p. 270.

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XXV

CAP.
XXV Περὶ δὲ τὰ βασίλεια οὗτε ὅγκον ἴδεῖν φασι^π
οἰκοδομημάτων, οὗτε δορυφόρους ἢ φύλακας, ἀλλ
οἱα περὶ τὰς τῶν λαμπρῶν οἰκίας, ὀλίγους οἰκέτας
καὶ διαλεχθῆναι τῷ βασιλεῖ δεομένους τρεῖς
οἵμαι, ἢ τέτταρας· καὶ τὸν κόσμον τοῦτον ἀγα-
σθῆναι μᾶλλον ἢ τὰ ἐν Βαβυλῶνι φλεγμαίνοντα,
καὶ πολλῷ πλέον ἔσω παρελθόντες· καὶ γὰρ τοὺς
ἀνδρῶνας καὶ τὰς στοὰς καὶ τὴν αὐλὴν πᾶσαν
κεκολάσθαι φασίν.

XXVI

CAP.
XXVI "Εδοξεν οὖν τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ φιλοσοφεῖν ὁ Ἰνδὸς
καὶ παραστησάμενος τὸν ἑρμηνέα, "χαίρω," εἶπεν,
"ὦ βασιλεῦ, φιλοσοφοῦντά σε ὄρῶν." "ἐγὼ δὲ ὑπερ-
χαίρω," ἔφη, "ἐπειδὴ οὕτω περὶ ἐμοῦ οἴει." "τούτη
δὲ νενόμισται παρ' ὑμῶν," εἶπεν, "ἢ σὺ πρὸς τὸ ἐπι-
εικὲς τοῦτο τὴν ἀρχὴν κατεστήσω;" "σωφρόνως,"
ἔφη, "νενομισμένῳ σωφρούέστερον χρώμαι, καὶ
πλεῖστα μὲν ἔχω ἀνθρώπων, δέομαι δὲ ὀλίγων, τὰ
γὰρ πολλὰ τῶν φίλων τῶν ἐμαυτοῦ ἡγοῦμαι."
"μακάριε τοῦ θησαυροῦ," εἶπεν, "εἰ χρυσοῦ τε
καὶ ἀργύρου ἀντερύη τοὺς φίλους, ἐξ ὧν ἀνα-
φύεται σοι πολλά τε καὶ ἀγαθά." "καὶ μὴν καὶ
τοῖς ἔχθροῖς," ἔφη, "κοινωνῶ τοῦ πλούτου. τοὺς
γὰρ ἀεὶ ποτε διαφόρους τῇ χώρᾳ ταύτῃ βαρβάρους

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XXV

AND in the palace they say that they saw no CHAP.
magnificent chambers, nor any bodyguards or ^{XXV}
sentinels, but, as is the case in the houses of the
upper class, a few servants ; and only three or four of
them, who required to converse with the king. And
they say that they admired this arrangement more
than they did the pompous splendour of Babylon, and
their esteem was enhanced when they went within.
For the men's chambers and the porticoes and the
whole of the vestibule were in a very chaste style.

Simplicity
of the
Indian
king's life

XXVI

So the Indian was regarded by Apollonius as a CHAP.
philosopher, and addressing him through an inter-^{XXVI}
preter, he said : " I am delighted, O king, to find ^{The king's}
you living like a philosopher." " And I," said the ^{life and}
other, " am over delighted that you should think of
me thus." " And," said Apollonius, " is this customary
among you, or was it you yourself established your
government on so modest a scale ? " " Our customs,"
said the king, " are dictated by moderation, and I am
still more moderate in my carrying them out ; and
though I have more than other men, yet I want
little, for I regard most things as belonging to my
own friends." " Blessed are you then in your
treasure," said Apollonius, " if you rate your friends
more highly than gold and silver, for out of them
grows up for you a harvest of blessings." " Nay
more," said the king, " I share my wealth also with
my enemies. For the barbarians who live on the

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CAP. προσοικοῦντας καὶ καταδρομαῖς χρωμένους ἐς
 XXVI τάμὰ δρια ὑποποιοῦμαι τουτοισὶ τοῖς χρήμασι, καὶ
 δορυφορεῖται μοι ὑπ' αὐτῶν ἡ χώρα, καὶ οὕτε
 αὐτοὶ ἐπὶ τάμὰ φοιτώσι τούς τε ὄμόρους αὐτοῖς
 βαρβάρους ἀνείργουσι, χαλεποὺς ὄντας." ἐρομένον
 δὲ αὐτὸν τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου, εἰ καὶ Πῶρος αὐτοῖς
 ἐτέλει χρήματα, "Πῶρος," εἶπε, "πολέμου ἦρα,
 ἐγὼ δὲ εἰρήνης." πάνυ τοῖς λόγοις τούτοις
 ἔχειροῦτο τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον, καὶ οὕτως αὐτοῖς
 ἡττήθη, ὡς Εὐφράτη ποτὲ ἐπιπλήττων μὴ φιλοσο-
 φοῦντι, "ἥμεῖς δὲ ἀλλὰ τὸν Ἰνδὸν Φραώτην αἰδώ-
 μεθα," φάναι, ὅνομα γὰρ τῷ Ἰνδῷ τοῦτο ἦρ.
 σατράπου δέ, ἐπειδὴ μεγάλων παρ' αὐτοῦ ἡξιώθη,
 βουληθέντος αὐτὸν ἀναδῆσαι μίτρα χρυσῆ κεκο-
 σμημένη λίθοις ποικίλοις, "ἐγώ," ἔφη, "εἰ καὶ τῶν
 ζηλούντων τὰ τοιαῦτα ἥν, παρητησάμην ἀν αὐτὰ
 οὐν καὶ ἀπέρρεψα τῆς κεφαλῆς Ἀπολλωνίῳ
 ἐντυχών, οἱς δὲ μήπω πρότερον ἀναδεῖσθαι ἡξίωσα.
 πῶς ἀν οὐν κοσμοίμην τὸν μὲν ξένου ἀγυνήσας,
 ἐμαυτοῦ δὲ ἐκλαθόμενος;" ἥρετο αὐτὸν καὶ περὶ
 διαιτης ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, ὁ δέ, "οἴνου μέν," ἔφη,
 "πίνω τοσοῦτον, δσον τῷ Ἡλίῳ σπένδω, ἀ δ' ἀν
 ἐν θήρᾳ λάβω, ταῦτα σιτοῦνται ἔτεροι, ἐμοὶ δὲ
 ἀπόχρητὸν γεγυμνάσθαι. τὰ δὲ ἐμὰ σιτία λάχανα
 καὶ φοινίκων ἐγκέφαλοι καὶ ὁ καρπὸς τῶν φοινικῶν
 καὶ ὄπόσα ὁ ποταμὸς κηπεύει. πολλὰ δέ μοι καὶ
 ἀπὸ δένδρων φύεται, ὃν γεωργοὶ αἴδε αἱ χεῖρες."
 ταῦτα ἀκούων ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος ὑπερήδετό τε καὶ ἐς
 τὸν Δάμιν θαμὰ ἔώρα.

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border of this country were perpetually quarrelling CHAP.
with us and making raids into my territories, but I XXVI
keep them quiet and control them with money, so
that my country is patrolled by them, and instead of
their invading my dominions, they themselves keep
off the barbarians that are on the other side of the
frontier, and are difficult people to deal with." And
when Apollonius asked him, whether Porus also had
paid them subsidy, he replied : " Porus was as fond of
war as I am of peace." By expressing such sentiments
he quite disarmed Apollonius, who was so captivated
by him, that once, when he was rebuking Euphrates
for his want of philosophic self-respect, he remarked:
" Nay, let us rather reverence Phraotes the Indian,"
for this was the name of the Indian. And when a
satrap, for the great esteem in which he held the
monarch, desired to bind on his brow a golden mitre
adorned with various stones, he said : " Even if I were
an admirer of such things, I should decline them now,
and cast them off my head, because I have met with
Apollonius. And how can I now adorn myself with
ornaments which I never before deigned to bind upon
my head, without ignoring my guest and forgetting
myself? " Apollonius also asked him about his diet,
and he replied : " I drink just as much wine as I pour
out in libation to the Sun ; and whatever I take in the
chase I give to others to eat, for I am satisfied with
the exercise I get. But my own meal consists of
vegetables and of the pith and fruit of date palms,
and of all that a well-watered garden yields in the
way of fruit. And a great deal of fruit is yielded
to me by the trees which I cultivate with these
hands." When Apollonius heard this, he was more
than gratified, and kept glancing at Damis.

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XXVII

CAP. ΞΧVII 'Επεὶ δὲ ἵκανῶς διελέχθησαν περὶ τῆς ὁδοῦ τῆς παρὰ τοὺς Βραχμάνας, τὸν μὲν παρὰ τοῦ Βαβυλωνίου ἡγεμόνα ἐκέλευσε ἔντιξειν, ὥσπερ εἰώθει τοὺς ἐκ Βαβυλῶνος ἥκοντας, τὸν δὲ παρὰ τοῦ σατράπου ἀπιέναι λαβόντα ἐφόδια, αὐτὸς δὲ λαβόμενος τῆς τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου χειρός, καὶ κελεύσας ἀπελθεῖν τὸν ἑρμηνέα, "ἄρ' ἄν," ἔφη, "ποιήσαιό με συμπότην;" ἥρετο δ' αὐτὸν φωνῇ Ἐλλάδι. ἐκπλαγέντος δὲ τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου καί, "τοῦ χάριν οὐκ ἔξ ἀρχῆς οὕτω διελέγουν;" φήσαντος, "ἔδεισα," ἔφη, "θρασὺς δόξαι μὴ γιγνώσκων ἐμαυτόν, μηδ' ὅτι βάρβαρον εἶναι με δοκεῖ τῇ τύχῃ, σοῦ δὲ ἡττηθείς, ἐπειδὴ καὶ σὲ ὄρῳ ἐμοὶ χαίροντα, οὐκ ἡδυνήθην ἐμαυτὸν κρύπτειν, ώς δὲ μεστός εἴμι τῆς Ἐλλήνων φωνῆς, ἐν πολλοῖς διηλώσω." "τί οὖν," εἶπεν, "οὐκ αὐτὸς ἐπήγγειλας ἐμοὶ τὸ συμπόσιον, ἀλλ' ἐμέ σοι κελεύεις ἐπαγγέλλειν;" "ὅτι σε," ἔφη, "βελτίω ἐμαυτοῦ ἡγούμαι, τὸ γὰρ βασιλικώτερον σοφία ἔχει." καὶ ἂμα ἡγεν αὐτόν τε καὶ τοὺς ἀμφ' αὐτόν, οὐπέρ εἰώθει λοῦσθαι. τὸ δὲ βαλανεῖον παράδεισος ἦν σταδίου μῆκος, φέ μέση κολυμβήθρα ἐνωρώρυκτο πηγὰς ἐκδεχομένη ποτίμου τε καὶ ψυχροῦ ὕδατος, τὰ δὲ ἐφ' ἕκάτερα δρόμοι ἡσαν, ἐν οἷς ἀκοντίφ τε καὶ δίσκω τὸν Ἐλληνικὸν τρόπον

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AND when they had conversed a good deal about which road to take to the Brahmans, the king ordered the guide from Babylon to be well entertained, as it was customary so to treat those who came from Babylon ; and the guide from the satrap, to be dismissed after being given provisions for the road. Then he took Apollonius by the hand, and having bidden the interpreter to depart, he said : " You will then, I hope, choose me for your boon companion." And he asked the question of him in the Greek tongue. But Apollonius was surprised, and remarked : " Why did you not converse with me thus, from the beginning ? " " I was afraid," said the king, " of seeming presumptuous, for I do not know myself, not to mention the fact that I am a barbarian by decree of fate ; but you have won my affection, and as soon as I saw that you take pleasure in my society, I was unable to keep myself concealed. But that I am quite competent in the Greek speech I will show you amply." " Why then," said Apollonius, " did you not invite me to the banquet, instead of begging me to invite you ? " " Because," he replied, " I regard you as my superior, for wisdom has more of the kingly quality about it." And with that he led him and his companions to where he was accustomed to bathe. And the bathing-place was a garden, a stade in length, in the middle of which was dug out a pool, which was fed by fountains of water, cold and drinkable ; and on each side there were exercising places, in which he was accustomed to practise himself after the manner

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XXVII
The
Brahmans
Apollonius
talks Greek
with him
The king's
bath

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CAP. ξVII ἔαυτὸν ἐξήσκει, καὶ γὰρ τὸ σῶμα ἔρρωτο ὑπό τε
ηλικίας—έπτὰ γὰρ καὶ εἴκοσιν ἔτη γεγονὼς ἦν—
ὑπό τε τοῦ ὥδε γυμνάζεσθαι. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἵκανῷ
ἔχοι ἐπῆδα ἐς τὸ ὄντωρ καὶ ἐγύμναζεν ἔαυτὸν τῷ
νεῖν. ὡς δὲ ἐλούσαντο, ἐβάδιζον ἐς τὸ συσσίτιον
ἐστεφανωμένοι, τουτὶ δὲ νενόμισται Ἰνδοῖς, ἐπειδὴν
ἐς τοῦ βασιλέως πίνωσιν.

XXVIII

CAP. ξVIII "Αξιον δὲ μηδὲ τὸ σχῆμα παραλιπεῖν τοῦ πότον
σαφῶς γε ἀναγεγραμμένον ὑπὸ τοῦ Δάμιδος· εὐθ-
χεῖται μὲν γὰρ ἐπὶ στιβάδος ὁ βασιλεὺς καὶ τῶν
ξυγγενῶν μέχρι πέντε οἱ ἐγγύι, οἱ δὲ λοιποὶ¹
πάντες ἐν θάκοις συσσιτοῦσι. τράπεζα δέ, ὕσπερ
βωμὸς ὑψος ἐς γόνυ ἀνδρὸς ἐξφοδόμηται μέσῃ,
κύκλου ἐπέχουσα χοροῦ ξυμβεβλημένον ἀνδρῷ
τριάκοντα, ἐφ' ἣς δάφναι τε διαστρώνυνται καὶ
κλῶνες ἔτεροι παραπλήσιοι μὲν τῇ μιρρίνῃ,
φέροντες δὲ Ἰνδοῖς μύρον. ἐνταῦθα διάκεινται
ἰχθῦς μὲν καὶ ὄρνιθες, διάκεινται δὲ λέοντές τε ὅλοι
καὶ δορκάδες καὶ σύες καὶ τύρεων ὀσφύες, τὰ γὰρ
λοιπὰ τοῦ θηρίου παραιτοῦνται ἐσθίειν, ἐπειδὴ τὸ
ξύφον τοῦτό, φασιν, ὅταν πρῶτον γένηται, τοὺς
ἐμπροσθίους τῶν ποδῶν ἀνίσχοντι αἱρεῖν τῷ
Ἡλίῳ. καὶ ἀνιστάμενος ὁ δαιτυμῶν φοιτᾷ πρὸς
τὴν τράπεζαν, καὶ τὰ μὲν ἀνελόμενος ταύτων, τὰ δὲ

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of the Greeks with javelin and quoit-throwing ; for physically he was very robust, both because he was still young, for he was only seven-and-twenty years old, and because he trained himself in this way. And when he had had enough exercise, he would jump into the water and exercised himself in swimming. But when they had taken their bath, they proceeded into the banqueting chamber with wreaths upon their heads ; for this is the custom of the Indians, whenever they drink wine in the palace.

XXVIII

AND I must on no account omit to describe the arrangement of the banquet, since this has been clearly described and recorded by Damis. The king then banquets lying upon a mattress, and as many as five of his nearest relations with him ; but all the rest join in the feast sitting upon chairs. And the table resembles an altar in that it is built up to the height of a man's knee in the middle of the chamber, and allows room for thirty to dispose themselves around it like a choir in a close circle. Upon it laurels are strewn, and other branches which are similar to the myrtle, but yield to the Indians their balm. Upon it are served up fish and birds, and there are also laid upon it whole lions and gazelles and swine and the loins of tigers ; for they decline to eat the other parts of this animal, because they say that, as soon as it is born, it lifts up its front paws to the rising Sun. Next, the master of ceremonies rises and goes to the table, and he selects some of the viands for himself, and cuts off other portions, and then he goes

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CAP. ΧΧVIII ἀποτεμών, ἀπελθὼν ἐς τὸν ἑαυτοῦ θάκον ἐμπίπλαται, θαμινὰ ἐπεσθίων τοῦ ἄρτου. ἐπειδὰν δὲ ἵκανῶς ἔχωσιν, ἐσφέρονται κρατῆρες ἀργυροὶ τε καὶ χρυσοῖ, δέκα συμπόταις ἀποχρῶν εἰς, ἀφ' ὧν πίνουσι κύνφαντες, ὥσπερ ποτιζόμενοι. μεταξὺ δὲ πίνοντες ἐπεσάγονται ἀγερωχίας ἐπικινδύνους καὶ οὐκ ἔξω τοῦ σπουδάζειν παῖς γάρ τις, ὥσπερ ὁ τῶν ὀρχηστρίδων, ἀνερριπτεῖτο κούφως συναφεμένου αὐτῷ βέλους ἐς τὸ ἄνω, καὶ ἐπειδὴ πολὺ ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς γένοιτο, ἐκυβίστα ὁ παῖς ὑπεραίρων ἑαυτὸν τοῦ βέλους, καὶ ἀμαρτόντι τοῦ κυβιστᾶν ἔτοιμα ἦν βεβλῆσθαι· ὁ γὰρ τοξότης πρὸν ἀφίεναι περιήει τοὺς ξυμπότας ἐπιδεικνὺς τὴν ἀκίδα καὶ διδοὺς ἔλεγχον τοῦ βέλους. καὶ τὸ διὰ σφενδόνης δὲ τοξεῦσαι καὶ τὸ ἐς τρίχα ἴέναι, καὶ τὸν υἱὸν τὸν ἑαυτοῦ σκιαγραφῆσαι βέλεσιν ἀνεστῶτα πρὸς σανίδα, σπουδάζουσιν ἐν τοῖς πότοις, καὶ κατορθοῦσιν αὐτὰ μεθύοντες.

XXIX

CAP. ΧΧΙX Οἱ μὲν δὴ περὶ τὸν Δάμιν ἔξεπλήττοντο αὐτὰ ὡς εὔσκοπα, καὶ τὴν ξυμμετρίαν τῆς τοξείας ἐθαύμαζον, ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος, ξυνεσίτει γὰρ τῷ βασιλεῖ ὁμοδιαίτῳ ὅντι, τούτοις μὲν ἥττον προσεῖχε, πρὸς δὲ τὸν βασιλέα, “εἰπέ μοι, ὃ βασιλεῦ,” ἔφη, “πόθεν οὕτως ἔχεις φωνῆς Ἐλλάδος, φιλοσοφία τε ἡ περὶ

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back to his own chair and eats his full, constantly CHAP.
munching bread with it. And when they have all XXVIII
had enough, goblets of silver and gold are brought
in, each of which is enough for ten banqueters, and
out of these they drink, stooping down like animals
that are being watered. And while they are drink-
ing, they have brought in performers of various
dangerous feats, requiring elaborate preparation. For
a boy, like a theatrical dancer, would throw a
light somersault, and at the same moment a javelin
was aimed at him, up in the air, and when he was
a long way from the ground, the boy would, by a
tumblers' leap, raise himself above the weapon, and
if he missed his leap, he was sure to be hit. For the
archer, before he let fly, went round the banqueters
and showed them the point of his weapon, and let
them try the missile themselves. And another
man would take a sling and aiming within a hair's
breadth would shoot at his own son, and pick out his
figure with the missiles as he stood erect against a
hoarding. Such are their forms of entertainment in
their banquets, and they aim straight, even when they
are drunk.

Tumblers'
feats at the
banquet

XXIX

WELL, the companions of Damis marvelled at the CHAP.
accuracy of their eye, and were surprised at the XXIX
exactness with which they aimed their weapons;
but Apollonius, who was eating beside the king
cheek by jowl, was less interested in these feats
and said to the king: "Tell me, O King, how
you acquired such a command of the Greek tongue,

The king
expounds
Indian
philosophi-
cal training

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CAP. σὲ πόθεν ἐνταῦθα ; οὐ γὰρ ἐς διδασκάλους γε οἴμαι
XXIX ἀναφέρειν, ἐπεὶ μηδὲ εἶναι τινας ἐν Ἰνδοῖς εἰκὸς
διδασκάλους τούτου.” γελάσας οὖν ὁ βασιλεύς,
“οἱ μὲν παλαιοί,” ἔφη, “τὰς ἐρωτήσεις τῶν κατα-
πλεόντων ἐποιοῦντο, εἰ λησταί εἰσιν, οὕτως αὐτὸ-
καίτοι χαλεπὸν δν κοινὸν ἡγοῦντο, ὑμεῖς δέ μοι
δοκεῖτε τοὺς ἐπιφοιτῶντας ὑμῖν ἐρωτᾶν, μὴ φιλό-
σοφοί εἰσιν, οὕτως αὐτὸκαίτοι θειότατον τῶν κατ’
ἀνθρώπους δν καὶ τοῖς ἐπιτυχοῦσιν ὑπάρχειν
οἴεσθε. καὶ ὅτι μὲν παρ’ ὑμῖν ταῦτὸν τῷ ληστεύειν
ἐστίν, οīδα, ὄμοιφ μὲν γὰρ σοὶ ἀνδρὶ οὕ φασι
εἶναι ἐντυχεῖν, τοὺς δὲ πολλούς, ὥσπερ σκυλεύ-
σαντας αὐτὸ ἐτέρων περιβεβλῆθαι τε ἀναρμόστως,
καὶ σοβεῖν ἀλλοτρίαν ἐσθῆτα ἐπισύροντας· καὶ τὴ
Δῆ, ὥσπερ οἱ λησταὶ τρυφῶσιν εἰδότες ὅτι ὑπὸ τῇ
δίκῃ κεῖνται, οὕτω κάκείνους φασὶ γαστρί τε
διδόναι καὶ ἀφροδισίοις καὶ ἀμπεχόνῃ λεπτῇ. τὸ
δὲ αἴτιον· νόμοι ὑμῖν, οἴμαι, εἰσίν, εἰ μὲν τὸ
νόμισμα παραφθείροι τις, ἀποθνήσκειν αὐτόν, καὶ
παιδίον εἴ τις παρεγγράφοι, ἢ οὐκ οīδ' ὅ τι ἐπὶ¹
τούτῳ, τοὺς δὲ τὴν φιλοσοφίαν ὑποβαλλομένους
ἢ παραφθείροντας οὐδείς, οἴμαι, νόμος παρ’ ὑμῖν
ἴσχει, οὐδὲ ἀρχή τις ἐπ’ αὐτοὺς τέτακται.

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and whence you derived all your philosophical CHAP
attainments in this place ? For I don't imagine that XXIX
you owe them to teachers, for it is not likely that
there are, in India, any who could teach it." The
king then smiled and said : "Our ancestors used to
ask questions of mariners who sailed to their coast,
to see whether they were pirates, so widespread did
they consider that calling to be in spite of its
cruelty ; but so far as I can make out, you Greeks ask
your visitors whether they are not philosophers, so
convinced are you that everyone you meet with must
needs possess this divinest of human attainments.
And that philosophy and piracy are one and the
same thing among you, I am well aware ; for they
say that a man like yourself is not to be found
anywhere ; but that most of your philosophers
are like people who have despoiled another man
of his garment and then have dressed themselves
up in it, although it does not fit them, and
proceed to strut about trailing another man's
garment. Nay, by Zeus, just as robbers live in
luxury, well knowing that they lie at the mercy of
justice, so are they, it is said, addicted to gluttony
and riotous living and to delicate apparel. And the
reason is this : you have laws, I believe, to the effect
that if a man is caught forging money, he must
die, and the same if anyone illegally enrolls a boy
upon the register and all the rest of it, I know
not what ; but people who utter a counterfeit
philosophy or corrupt her are not, I believe, restrained
among you by any law, nor is any authority set to
suppress them.

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CAP. Παρ' ἡμῖν δὲ ὀλίγοι μὲν τοῦ φιλοσοφεῖν ἅπτονται, δοκιμάζονται δὲ ὡδε· χρὴ τὸν νέον, ἐπειδὰν ὀκτωκαίδεκα ἔτη γεγονὼς τύχῃ, τουτὶ δ', οἰμας, καὶ παρ' ὑμῖν ἐφήβου μέτρον, ὑπὲρ τὸν "Τφασιν ποταμὸν ἐλθεῖν παρὰ τοὺς ἄνδρας, οὓς σὺ ὥρμηκας, εἰπόντα δημοσίᾳ πρότερον ὅτι φιλοσοφήσοι, ἵν' ἡ τοῖς βουλομένοις ἔξείργειν αὐτόν, εἰ μὴ καθαρὸς φοιτῷη. καθαρὸν δὲ λέγω πρῶτον μὲν τὸ ἐς πατέρα καὶ μητέρα ἥκον, μὴ περὶ αὐτοὺς ὅνειδός τι ἀναφαίνοιτο, εἰθ' οἱ τούτων γονεῖς καὶ τρίτον γένος ἐς ἄνω, μὴ ὑβριστής τις ἡ ἀκρατὴς ἡ χρηματιστὴς ἄδικος. ὅταν δὲ μηδεμίᾳ οὐλὴ περὶ τούτους ἀναφαίνηται, μηδὲ στίγμα ὅλως μηδέν, αὐτὸν ἥδη διορᾶν τὸν νέον καὶ βασανίζειν, πρῶτον μέν, εἰ μηνημονικός, εἴτα, εἰ κατὰ φύσιν αἰδήμων, ἀλλὰ μὴ πλαττόμενος τοῦτο, μὴ μεθυστικὸς μὴ λίχνος μὴ ἀλαζὼν μὴ φιλόγελως μὴ θρασὺς μὴ φιλολοιδόρος, εἰ πατρὸς ὑπήκοος εἰ μητρὸς εἰ διδασκάλων εἰ παιδαγωγῶν, ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, εἰ μὴ κακὸς περὶ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ὥραν. τὰ μὲν δὴ τῶν γειναμένων αὐτὸν καὶ οἱ ἐκείνους ἐγείναντο, ἐκ μαρτύρων ἀναλέγονται καὶ γραμμάτων, ἀ δημοσίᾳ κεῖται. ἐπειδὰν γὰρ τελευτῆσῃ ὁ Ἰνδός, φοιτᾶ ἐπὶ θύρας αὐτοῦ μία ἀρχὴ τεταγμένη ὑπὸ τῶν νόμων ἀναγράφειν αὐτόν, ὡς ἐβίω, καὶ ψευσα-

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XXX

Now among us few engage in philosophy, and CHAP.
they are sifted and tried as follows : A young man so soon as he reaches the age of eighteen, and this I think is accounted the time of full age among you also, must pass across the river Hyphasis to the men whom you are set upon visiting, after first making a public statement that he will become a philosopher, so that those who wish to may exclude him, if he does not approach the study in a state of purity. And by pure I mean, firstly, in respect of his parentage, that no disgraceful deed can be proved against either his father or his mother ; next that their parents in turn, up to the third generation, are equally pure, that there was no ruffian among them, no debauchee, nor any unjust usurer. And when no scar or reproach can be proved against them, nor any other stain whatever, then it is time narrowly to inspect the young man himself and test him, to see firstly, whether he has a good memory, and secondly, whether he is modest and reserved in disposition, and does not merely pretend to be so, whether he is addicted to drink, or greedy, or a quack, or a buffoon, or rash, or abusive, to see whether he is obedient to his father, to his mother, to his teachers, to his school-masters, and above all, if he makes no bad use of his personal attractions. The particulars then of his parents and of their progenitors are gathered from witnesses and from the public archives. For whenever an Indian dies, there visits his house a particular authority charged by the law to make a record of him, and of how he

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CAP. μένω ἡ ψευσθέντι τῷ ἄρχοντι ἐπιτιμῶσιν οἱ νόμοι
XXX μὴ ἄρξαι αὐτὸν ἔτι ἀρχὴν μηδεμίαν, ὡς παρα-
ποιήσαντα βίον ἀνθρώπου, τὰ δὲ τῶν ἐφῆβων ἐς
αὐτοὺς ὥρωντες ἀναμανθάνουσι· πολλὰ μὲν γὰρ
ὁφθαλμοὶ τῶν ἀνθρωπείων ἡθῶν ἔρμηνεύουσι,
πολλὰ δὲ ἐν ὁφρύσι καὶ παρειαῖς κεῖται γνωμα-
τεύειν τε καὶ θεωρεῖν, ἀφ' ὧν σοφοί τε καὶ φυσικοὶ
ἄνδρες, ὥσπερ ἐν κατόπτρῳ εἴδωλα, τοὺς νοῦς
τῶν ἀνθρώπων διαθεῶνται. μεγάλων γὰρ δὴ
ἀξιούμενης φιλοσοφίας ἐνταῦθα, καὶ τιμὴν τούτου
παρ' Ἰνδοῖς ἔχοντος, ἀνάγκη πᾶσα ἐκβασανίζεσθαι
τε τοὺς ἐπ' αὐτὴν ἴόντας ἐλέγχοις τε ὑποβεβλη-
σθαι μυρίοις. ὡς μὲν δὴ ἐπὶ διδασκάλοις αὐτὸ-
ποιούμεθα καὶ ἐς δοκιμασίαν ἡμῖν τὸ φιλοσοφεῖν
ῆκει, σαφῶς εἴρηκα, τούμὸν δὲ ὥδε ἔχει.

XXXI

CAP. Ἐγὼ μὲν πάππου βασιλέως ἐγενόμην, δος ἦν
XXXI μοι ὁμώνυμος, πατρὸς δὲ ἰδιώτου καταλειφθεὶς
γὰρ κομιδῇ νέος ἐπίτροποι μὲν αὐτῷ ἐγένοντο
δύο τῶν ξυγγενῶν κατὰ τοὺς τῶν Ἰνδῶν νόμους,
ἐπραττον δὲ ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ τὰ βασιλικὰ οὐ χρη-
στῶς, μὰ τὸν "Ἡλιον, οὐδὲ ξυμμέτρως, δῆθεν
βαρεῖς τοὺς ὑπηκόους ἐφαίνοντο καὶ ἡ ἀρχὴ
κακῶς ἤκουε. ξυστάντες οὖν ἐπ' αὐτοὺς τῶν
δυνατῶν τινες ἐπιτίθενται σφισιν ἐν ἕορτῃ καὶ

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lived, and if this officer lies or allows himself to be CHAP.
deceived, he is condemned by the law and forbidden XXX
ever to hold another office, on the ground that he has
counterfeited a man's life. But the particulars of
the youths themselves are duly learnt by inspection
of them. For in many cases a man's eyes reveal the
secrets of his character, and in many cases there is
material for forming a judgment and appraising his
value in his eyebrows and cheeks, for from these
features the dispositions of people can be detected by
wise and scientific men, as images are seen in a
looking-glass. For seeing that philosophy is highly
esteemed in this country, and it is held in honour by
the Indians, it is absolutely necessary that those who
take to it should be tested and subjected to a
thousand modes of proof. That then we proceed
thus in the case of teachers, and put their philo-
sophical aptitude to a test, I have clearly explained ;
and now I will relate to you my own history.

XXXI

My grandfather was king, and had the same name CHAP.
as myself ; but my father was a private person. For XXXI
he was left quite young, and two of his relations
were appointed his guardians in accordance with the
laws of the Indians. But they did not carry on
the king's government honestly on his behalf. No,
by the Sun, but so unfairly that their subjects found
their regime oppressive and the government fell into
bad repute. A conspiracy then was formed against
them by some of the magnates, who attacked them

And relates
his history
to
Apollonius

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CAP. **XXXI** κτείνουσι τῷ Ἰνδῷ θύοντας, αὐτοὶ τε ἐπεσπηδήσαντες τῷ ἄρχειν ξυνέσχον τὰ κοινά. δείσαντες οὖν οἱ ξυγγενεῖς περὶ τῷ πατρὶ μήπω ἐκκαιίδεκα ἔτη γεγονότι πέμπουσιν αὐτὸν ὑπὲρ τὸν "Τφασιν παρὰ τὸν ἐκεῖ βασιλέα. πλειόνων δὲ ἡ ἐγὼ ἄρχει καὶ εὐδαίμων ἡ χώρα παρὰ πολὺ τῆς ἐνταῦθα. βουλομένου δ' αὐτὸν τοῦ βασιλέως παιδα ποιεῖσθαι, τουτὶ μὲν παρητήσατο φήσας μὴ φιλονεικεῖν τῇ τύχῃ ἀφηρημένη αὐτὸν τὸ ἄρχειν, ἐδεήθη δ' αὐτοῦ ξυγχωρῆσαι οἱ φιλοσοφῆσαι βαδίσαντι παρὰ τοὺς σοφούς, καὶ γὰρ ἀν καὶ ὁδον καρτερῆσαι τὰ οἴκοι κακά. βουλομένου δὲ τοῦ βασιλέως καὶ κατάγειν αὐτὸν ἐπὶ τὴν πατρῷαν ἄρχήν, "εἰ γνησίως," ἔφη, "φιλοσοφοῦντα αἰσθοιο, κάταγε, εἰ δὲ μή, ἔα με οὕτως ἔχειν." αὐτὸς οὖν ὁ βασιλεὺς ἥκων παρὰ τοὺς σοφοὺς μεγάλων ἀν ἔφη παρ' αὐτῶν τυχεῖν, εἰ τοῦ παιδὸς ἐπιμεληθεῖεν γενναίουν τὴν φύσιν ἥδη δυτος, οἱ δὲ κατιδόντες τι ἐν αὐτῷ πλέον ἡσπάσαντο προσδοῦναί οἱ τῆς αὐτῶν σοφιας, καὶ προθύμως ἐπαίδευον προσκείμενον πάνυ τῷ μανθάνειν. ἐβδόμῳ δὲ ἔτει νοσῶν ὁ βασιλεὺς, ὅτε δὴ καὶ ἐτελεύτα, μεταπέμπεται αὐτὸν καὶ κοινωνὸν τῆς ἄρχῆς ἀποφαίνει τῷ νίῳ, τὴν τε θυγατέρα ὁμολογεῖ πρὸς ὧραν οὐσαν, ὁ δέ, ἐπειδὴ τὸν τοῦ βασιλέως νίὸν εἶδε κολάκων καὶ οἴνου καὶ τῶν τοιούτων κακῶν ἥπτω μεστόν τε ὑποψιῶν πρὸς αὐτόν, "σὺ μέν," ἔφη, "ταῦτ' ἔχε

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at a festival and slew them when they were sacrificing to the river Indus. The conspirators then seized upon the reins of government and held the State together. Now my father's kinsmen entertained apprehensions for him, because he was not yet sixteen years of age, so they sent him across the Hyphasis to the king there. And he has more subjects than I have, and his country is much more fertile than this one. This monarch wished to adopt him, but this my father declined on the ground that he would not struggle with fate that had robbed him of his kingdom ; but he besought him to allow him to take his way to the sages and become a philosopher, for he said that this would make it easier for him to bear the reverses of his house. The king however being anxious to restore him to his father's kingdom, my father said : " If you see that I am become a genuine philosopher, then restore me ; but if not, let me remain as I am." The king accordingly went in person to the sages, and said that he would lie under great obligation to them if they would take care of a youth who already showed such nobility of character, and they, discerning in him something out of the common run, were delighted to impart to him their wisdom, and were glad to educate him when they saw how addicted he was to learning. Now seven years afterwards the king fell sick, and at the very moment when he was dying, he sent for my father, and appointed him co-heir in the government with his own son, and promised his daughter in marriage to him as she was already of marriageable age. And my father, since he saw that the king's son was the victim of flatterers and of wine and of such like vices, and was also full of suspicions of himself, said to

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CAP. καὶ τῆς ἀρχῆς ἀπάσης ἐμφοροῦ, καὶ γὰρ εὕηθες
XXXI μηδὲ τὴν προσήκουσαν ἑαυτῷ βασιλείαν κτήσασθαι
δυνηθέντα θρασέως δοκεῖν ἐπὶ τὴν μὴ προσήκουσαν
ῆκειν, ἐμοὶ δὲ τὴν ἀδελφὴν δίδου, τουτὶ γὰρ μόνον
ἀπόχρη μοι τῶν σῶν.” καὶ λαβὼν τὸν γάμον ἔξη
πλησίον τῶν σοφῶν ἐν κώμαις ἐπτὰ εύδαιμοσιν,
ἄς ἐπέδωκε τῇ ἀδελφῇ ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐς ζώνην.
γίγνομαι τοίνυν ἐγὼ τοῦ γάμου τούτου καὶ με ὁ
πατὴρ τὰ Ἑλλήνων παιδεύσας ἄγει παρὰ τοὺς
σοφοὺς πρὸ ἡλικίας ἵσως, δώδεκα γάρ μοι τότε
ἥν ἔτη, οἱ δὲ ἔτρεφον ἵσα καὶ ἑαυτῶν παῖδα, οὓς
γὰρ ἀν ὑποδέξωνται τὴν Ἑλλήνων φωνὴν εἰδότας,
ἀγαπῶσι μᾶλλον, ως ἐς τὸ ὅμόηθες αὐτοῖς ἥδη
προσήκοντας.

XXXII

CAP. 'Αποθανόντων δέ μοι καὶ τῶν γονέων οὐ μετα-
XXXII πολὺ ἀλλήλων, αὐτοί με βαδίσαντα ἐπὶ τὰς κώμας
ἐκέλευσαν ἐπιμεληθῆναι τῶν ἐμαυτοῦ γεγονότα
ἐννεακαίδεκα ἔτη. τὰς μὲν οὖν κώμας ἀφήρητό
με ἥδη ὁ χρηστὸς θεῖος καὶ οὐδὲ τὰ γῆδιά μοι
ὑπέλιπε τὰ κεκτημένα τῷ πατρί, πάντα γὰρ τῇ
ἑαυτοῦ ἀρχῇ προσήκειν αὐτά, ἐμὲ δ' ἀν μεγάλων
παρ' αὐτοῦ τυχεῖν, εἴ με ἐώῃ ζῆν. ἔρανον οὖν
ξυλλεξάμενος παρὰ τῶν τῆς μητρὸς ἀπελευθέρων
ἀκολούθους εἶχον τέτταρας. καὶ μοι ἀναγυγνώ-
σκοντι τοὺς Ἡρακλείδας τὸ δράμα, ἐπέστη τις
ἐντεῦθεν ἐπιστολὴν φέρων παρὰ ἀνδρὸς ἐπιτηδείου
τῷ πατρί, ὃς με ἐκέλευσε διαβάντα τὸν Ὄδραώτην

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him : " Do you keep all this and enjoy the whole CHAP.
Empire as your own ; for it is ridiculous that one who XXXI
could not even keep the kingdom which belonged to
him should presume to meddle with one which does
not ; but give me your sister, for this is all I want of
yours." So having obtained her in marriage he lived
hard by the sages in seven fertile villages which the
king bestowed upon his sister as her pin-money. I
then am the issue of this marriage, and my father
after teaching me Greek brought me to the sages at
an age, somewhat too early perhaps, for I was only
twelve at the time, but they brought me up like
their own son ; for any that they admit knowing the
Greek tongue they are especially fond of, because
they consider that in virtue of the similarity of his
disposition he already belongs to themselves.

XXXII

AND when my parents had died, which they did CHAP.
almost together, the sages bade me repair to the XXXII
villages and look after my own affairs, for I was now
nineteen years of age. But, alas, my good uncle had
already taken away the villages, and didn't even leave
me the few acres my father had acquired ; for he said
that the whole of them belonged to his kingdom, and
that I should get more than I deserved if he spared
my life. I accordingly raised a subscription among
my mother's freedmen, and kept four retainers.
And one day when I was reading the play called
" The Children of Hercules," a man presented
himself from my own country bringing a letter from
a person devoted to my father, who urged me to cross
His restoration to his grandfather's throne

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CAP. ποταμὸν ξυγγύγεσθαι οἱ περὶ τῆς ἀρχῆς τῆς
XXXII ἐνταῦθα, πολλὰς γὰρ ἐλπίδας είναι μοι ἀνακτῆ-
σασθαι αὐτὴν μὴ ἐλιπύοντι. τὸ μὲν δὴ δράμα
θεῶν τις οἰμαι ἐπὶ νοῦν ἤγαγε καὶ εἰπόμην τῇ
φήμῃ, διαβὰς δὲ τὸν ποταμὸν τὸν μὲν ἔτερον τῷ
βεβιασμένων ἐς τὴν ἀρχὴν τεθνάναι ἥκουσα, τὸν
δὲ ἔτερον ἐν τοῖς βασιλείοις πολιορκεῖσθαι τούτοις.
ἔχώρουν δὴ ξυντείνων καὶ βοῶν πρὸς τοὺς ἐν ταῖς
κώμαις, δι' ὧν ἔστειχον, ώς ὁ τοῦ δεῖνος εἴην νιὸς
καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν ἀρχὴν τὴν ἐμαυτοῦ λοιμοῦ, οἱ δὲ
χαίροντές τε καὶ ἀσπαζόμενοί με προῦπεμπον
παραπλήσιον ἡγούμενοι τῷ πάππῳ, ἐγχειρίδιά τε
ἥν αὐτοῖς καὶ τόξα, καὶ πλείους ἀεὶ ἐγνυγόμεθα.
καὶ προσελθόντα ταῖς πύλαις οὗτῳ τι ἀσμενοὶ
ἐδέξαντο οἱ ἐνταῦθα, ώς ἀπὸ τοῦ βωμοῦ τοῦ
Ἡλίου δῷδας ἀφάμενοι πρὸ πυλῶν τε ἥκειν καὶ
ἡγεῖσθαι δεῦρο ἐφυμνοῦντες πολλὰ τῷ πατρὶ καὶ
τῷ πάππῳ, τὸν δὲ ἔσω κηφῆνα πέριξ τὸ τεῖχος
ἔκλησαν καίτοι ἐμοῦ παραιτουμένου μὴ τοιῷδε
τρόπῳ ἀποθανεῖν αὐτόν.”

XXXIII

CAP. Τπολαβὼν οὖν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, “Ἡρακλειδῶν,”
XXXIII ἔφη, “κάθοδον ἀτεχνῶς διελήλυθας, καὶ ἐπαινετέοις
οἱ θεοὶ τῆς διανοίας, ὅτι γενναίφ ἀνδρὶ ἐπὶ τὰ
έαυτοῦ στείχοντι ξυνήραντο τῆς καθόδου. ἀλλ’
ἐκεῖνό μοι περὶ τῶν σοφῶν εἰπέ· οὐ καὶ ὑπὸ^{τοῦ}
Ἀλεξάνδρῳ ποτὲ ἐγένοντο οὗτοι καὶ ἀναχθέντες

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the river Hydraotes and confer with him about my present kingdom; for he said there was a good prospect of my recovering it, if I wavered not. I cannot but think that some god set me on reading this drama at the moment, and I followed the omen; and having crossed the river I learnt that one of the usurpers of the kingdom was dead, and that the other was besieged in this very palace. Accordingly I hurried forward, and proclaimed to the inhabitants of the villages through which I passed that I was the son of so and so, naming my father, and that I was come to take possession of my own kingdom; but they received me with open arms and escorted me, recognising my resemblance to my grandfather, and they had daggers and weapons, and our numbers increased from day to day. And when I approached the gates the population received me with such enthusiasm that they snatched up torches off the altar of the Sun and came before the gates and escorted me hither with many hymns in praise of my father and grandfather. But the drone that was within they walled up, although I protested against his being put to such a death."

XXXIII

HERE Apollonius interrupted and said : " You have exactly played the part of the restored sons of Hercules in the play, and praised be the gods who have helped so noble a man to come by his own and restored you by their providential intervention. But tell me this about these sages : were they not once actually subject to Alexander, and were they not brought before him

CHAP.
XXXIII
The castle
of the
Brahman
Sages never
visited by
Alexander

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CAP. XXXIII αὐτῷ περὶ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἐφιλοσόφησαν ; ” “Οξυδράκαι,” ἔφη, “έκεῖνοι ἡσαν, τὸ δὲ ἔθνος τοῦτο ἐλευθεριάζει τε ἀεὶ καὶ πολεμικῶς ἔξήρτυται, σοφίαν τε μεταχειρίζεσθαι φασιν οὐδὲν χρηστὸν εἰδότες· οἱ δὲ ἀτεχνῶς σοφοὶ κεῖνται μὲν τοῦ ‘Τφάσιδος καὶ τοῦ Γάγγου μέσοι, τὴν δὲ χώραν ταύτην οὐδὲ ἐπῆλθεν δ' Ἀλέξανδρος, οὕτι που τὰ ἐν αὐτῇ δείσας, ἀλλ', οἷμαι, τὰ ιερὰ ἀπεσήμηνεν αὐτῷ. εἰ δὲ καὶ διέβη τὸν “Τφασιν καὶ τὴν περὶ αὐτοὺς γῆν ἡδυνήθη ἐλεῖν, ἀλλὰ τήν γε τύρσιν, ἣν ἔκεῖνοι κατοικοῦσιν, οὐδ' ἀν μυρίους μὲν Ἀχιλλέας, τρισμυρίους δὲ Αἴαντας ἄγων ποτὲ ἔχειρώσατο· οὐ γὰρ μάχονται τοῖς προσελθούσιν, ἀλλὰ διοσημίαις τε καὶ σκηπτοῖς βάλλοντες ἀποκρούονται σφᾶς ιεροὶ καὶ θεοφίλεις ὅντες· τὸν γοῦν Ἡρακλέα τὸν Αἰγύπτιον καὶ τὸν Διόνυσον ξὺν ὅπλοις διαδραμόντας τὸ Ινδῶν ἔθνος φασὶ μέν ποτε ἐλάσαι ἐπ' αὐτοὺς ἀμα μηχανάς τε παλαμήσασθαι καὶ τοῦ χωρίου ἀποπειρᾶσθαι, οἱ δὲ ἀντιπράττειν οὐδέν, ἀλλ' ἀτρεμεῖν, ώς ἔκείνοις ἐφαίνοντο, ἐπεὶ δ' αὐτοὶ προσήσαν, πρηστῆρες αὐτοὺς ἀπεώσαντο καὶ βρονταὶ κάτω στρεφόμεναι καὶ ἐμπίπτουσαι τοῖς ὅπλοις, τὴν τε ἀσπίδα χρυσῆν οὖσαν ἀποβαλεῖν ἔκει λέγεται ὁ Ἡρακλῆς, καὶ πεποίηνται αὐτὴν ἀνάθημα οἱ σοφοὶ διά τε τὴν τοῦ Ἡρακλέους δόξαν, διά τε τὸ ἐκτύπωμα τῆς ἀσπίδος· αὐτὸς γὰρ πεποίηται ὁ Ἡρακλῆς ὥρίζων τὰ Γάδειρα καὶ τὰ ὅρη στιήλας ποιούμενος τόν τε Ὁκεανὸν ἐς τὰ ἔσω

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to philosophise about the heavens?" "Those were CHAP.
the Oxydrakae," he said, "but this race has always XXXIII
been independent and well equipped for war; and
they say that they attempted, yet never acquired any
real knowledge of wisdom. But the genuine sages live
between the Hyphasis and the Ganges, in a country
which Alexander never reached; not I imagine
because he was afraid of what was in it, but, I think,
because the omens warned him against it. But if
he had crossed the Hyphasis, and had been able
to take the surrounding country, he could certainly
never have taken possession of their castle in which
they live, not even if he had had ten thousand like
Achilles, and thirty thousand like Ajax behind him;
for they do not do battle with those who approach
them, but they repulse them with prodigies and
thunderbolts which they send forth, for they are
holy men and beloved of the gods. It is related,
anyhow, that Hercules of Egypt and Dionysus after
they had overrun the Indian people with their arms,
at last attacked them in company, and that they
constructed engines of war, and tried to take the
place by assault; but the sages, instead of taking the
field against them, lay quiet and passive, as it
seemed to the enemy; but as soon as the latter
approached they were driven off by rockets of
fire and thunderbolts which were hurled obliquely
from above and fell upon their armour. It was
on that occasion, they say, that Hercules lost his
golden shield, and the sages dedicated it as an
offering, partly out of respect for Hercules' reputa-
tion, and partly because of the reliefs upon the
shield. For in these Hercules is represented fixing
the frontier of the world at Gadira, and turning the

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CAP.
XXXIII ἐπισπώμενος, ὅθεν δηλοῦται μὴ τὸν Θηβαῖον
Ἡρακλέα, τὸν δὲ Αἰγύπτιον ἐπὶ τὰ Γάδειρα
ἐλθεῖν καὶ ὄριστὴν γενέσθαι τῆς γῆς.”

XXXIV

CAP.
XXXIV Τοιαῦτα διαλεγομένων αὐτῶν ἐπῆλθεν ὁ ὅμνος
αὐλῷ ἄμα, ἐρομένου δὲ τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου τὸν
βασιλέα, ὃ τι ἔθέλοι ὁ κῶμος, “Ινδοί,” ἔφη,
“παραινέσεις τῷ βασιλεῖ ἄδουσιν, ἐπειδὰν πρὸς
τῷ καθεύδειν γίγνηται, ὀνείρασί τε ἀγαθοῖς χρῆ-
σθαι χρηστόν τε ἀνίστασθαι καὶ εὐξύμβολον τοῖς
ὑπηκόοις.” “πῶς οὖν,” ἔφη, “ὦ βασιλεῦ, διά-
κεισαι πρὸς ταῦτα; σὲ γάρ που αὐλοῦσιν.” “οὐ
καταγελῶ,” ἔφη, “δεῖ γὰρ προσίεσθαι αὐτὰ τοῦ
νόμου ἔνεκεν, παραινέσεως μέντοι μηδεμιᾶς δεῖ-
σθαι, ὅσα γὰρ ἀν ὁ βασιλεὺς μετρίως τε καὶ χρη-
στῶς πράττῃ, ταῦτα ἑαυτῷ δήπου χαριεῖται
μᾶλλον ἢ τοῖς ὑπηκόοις.”

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CAP.
XXXV Τοιαῦτα διαλεχθέντες, ἀνεπαύσαντο, ἐπεὶ δὲ
ἡμέρα ὑπεφαίνετο, αὐτὸς ὁ βασιλεὺς ἀφίκετο ἐς
τὸ δωμάτιον, φ ἐνεκάθευδον οἱ περὶ τὸν Ἀπολλώ-
νιον, καὶ τὸν σκίμποδα ἐπιψηλαφήσας προσεῖπέ
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mountains into pillars, and confining the ocean CHAP. XXXIII within its bounds. Thence it is clear that it was not the Theban Hercules, but the Egyptian one, that came to Gadira, and fixed the limits of the world."

XXXIV

WHILE they were thus talking, the strain of the CHAP. XXXIV hymn sung to the flute fell upon their ears, and Apollonius asked the king what was the meaning of The Hymn to the king their ode. "The Indians," he answered, "sing their admonitions to the king, at the moment of his going to bed; and they pray that he may have good dreams, and rise up propitious and affable towards his subjects." "And how," said Apollonius, "do you, O king, feel in regard to this matter? For it is yourself I suppose that they honour with their pipes." "I don't laugh at them," he said, "for I must allow it because of the law, although I do not require any admonition of the kind: for in so far as a king behaves himself with moderation and integrity, he will bestow, I imagine, favours on himself rather than on his subjects."

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XXXV

AFTER this conversation they laid themselves down CHAP. XXXV to repose; but when the day dawned, the king himself went to the chamber in which Apollonius and his companions were sleeping, and gently stroking the bed he addressed the sage, and asked him what Discussion of the relation of drinking to divination

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CAP. τε τὸν ἄνδρα, καὶ ἥρετο αὐτόν, ὅ τι ἐνθυμοῖτο, “οἱ
 XXXV γάρ που καθεύδεις,” εἶπεν, “ῦδωρ πίνων καὶ κατα-
 γελῶν τοῦ οἴνου.” “οὐ γὰρ καθεύδειν ἥγγι,” ἔφη,
 “τοὺς τὸ ὕδωρ πίνοντας;” “καθεύδειν μέν,” ἔφη,
 “λεπτὸν δὲ ὑπνον, ὅνπερ ἄκροις αὐτῶν τοῖς ὀφ-
 θαλμοῖς ἐφιξάνειν φῶμεν, οὐ τῷ νῷ.” “ἀμφοτέ-
 ροις,” εἶπε, “καὶ ἵσως τῷ νῷ μᾶλλον εἰ γὰρ μή
 ἀτρεμήσει ὁ νοῦς, οὐδὲ ὑποδέξονται οἱ ὀφθαλμοί
 τὸν ὑπνον· οἱ γοῦν μεμηνότες οὐδὲ καθεύδειν δύ-
 νανται διὰ τὴν τοῦ νοῦ πήδησιν, ἀλλ’ ἐς ἄλλα καὶ
 ἄλλα ἀπιούσης τῆς ἐννοίας γοργότερόν τε ἀναβλέ-
 πουσι καὶ ἀναιδέστερον, ὡσπερ οἱ ἄνυπνοι τῶν
 δρακόντων. ἐπεὶ τοίνυν, ὡς βασιλεῦ,” εἶπε,
 “σαφῶς ἡρμήνευται τὸ τοῦ ὑπνου ἔργον καὶ ἄπτα
 δηλοῦται αὐτῷ τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, σκεψώμεθα, τί
 μειονεκτήσει ἐν τῷ ὑπνῷ τοῦ μεθύοντος ὁ τὸ ὕδωρ
 πίνων.” “μὴ σοφίζου,” ἔφη ὁ βασιλεύς, “εἰ γὰρ
 μεθύοντα ὑποθήσῃ, οὐ καθευδήσει τοῦτο, βακ-
 χεύονσα γὰρ ἡ γνώμη στροβήσει τε αὐτὸν καὶ
 ταραχῆς ἐμπλήσει· δοκοῦσί τοι πάντες οἱ ἐκ
 μέθης καταδαρθεῖν πειρώμενοι ἀναπέμπεσθαί τε
 ἐς τὸν ὅροφον, καὶ αὖ ὑπόγειοι εἶναι δίνην τε
 ἐμπεπτωκέναι σφίσιν, οἵα δὴ περὶ τὸν Ἱξίονα
 λέγεται ἔνυμβαίνειν. οὔκουν ἀξιῶ τὸν μεθύοντα,
 ἀλλὰ τὸν πεπωκότα μὲν τοῦ οἴνου, νήφοντα δὲ
 θεωρεῖν, ὡς καθευδήσει καὶ ὡς πολλῷ βέλτιον τοῦ
 ἀοίνου.”

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he was thinking about. "For," he said, "I don't CHAP.
imagine you are asleep, since you drink water and XXXV
despise wine." Said the other: "Then you don't
think that those who drink water go to sleep?"
"Yes," said the king, "they sleep, but with a very
light sleep, which just sits upon the tips of their
eyelids, as we say, but not upon their minds." "Nay
with both do they sleep," said Apollonius, "and
perhaps more with the mind than with the eyelids.
For unless the mind is thoroughly composed, the
eyes will not admit of sleep either. For note how
madmen are not able to go to sleep because their
mind leaps with excitement, and their thoughts run
coursing hither and thither, so that their glances are
full of fury and morbid impulse, like those of the
dragons who never sleep. Since then, O king," he
went on, "we have clearly intimated the use and
function of sleep, and what it signifies for men, let
us examine whether the drinker of water need sleep
less soundly than the drunkard." "Do not quibble,"
said the king, "for if you put forward the case of a
drunkard, he, I admit, will not sleep at all, for his
mind is in a state of revel, and whirls him about and
fills him with uproar. All, I tell you, who try to go
to sleep when in drink seem to themselves to be
rushed up on to the roof, and then to be dashed
down to the ground, and to fall into a whirl,
as they say happened to Ixion. Now I do not
put the case of a drunkard, but of a man who has
merely drunk wine, but remains sober; I wish
to consider whether he will sleep, and how much
better he will sleep than a man who drinks no
wine."

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CAP.
XXXVI Καλέσας οὖν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος τὸν Δάμιν, “πρὸς δεινὸν ἄνδρα,” ἔφη, “ὅς λόγος καὶ σφόδρα γεγυμνασμένον τοῦ διαλέγεσθαι.” “όρῶ,” ἔφη, “καὶ τοῦτ’ ἵσως ἡν τὸ μελαμπύγου τυχεῖν. κάμε δὲ πάνυ αἰρεῖ ὁ λόγος, δν εἴρηκεν. ὥρα οὖν σοι ἀφυπνίσαντι ἀποτελεῖν αὐτόν.” ἀνακουφίσας οὖν τὴν κεφαλὴν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, “καὶ μὴν ὅσον,” ἔφη, “πλεονεκτοῦμεν οἱ τὸ ὕδωρ πίνοντες πρὸς τὸ καθεύδειν ἥδιον, ἐγὼ δηλώσω τοῦ γε σοῦ λόγου ἐχόμενος· ως μὲν γὰρ τετάρακται ἡ γυνώμη τοῖς μεθύουσι καὶ μανικώτερον διάκεινται, σαφῶς εἴρηκας, δρῶμεν γὰρ τοὺς μέθῃ κατεσχημένους διττὰς μὲν σελήνας δοκοῦντας βλέπειν, διττοὺς δὲ ἥλιους, τοὺς δὲ ἥττον πεπωκύτας, καὶν πάνυ νήφωσιν, οὐδὲν μὲν τούτων ἡγουμένους, μεστοὺς δὲ εὐφροσύνης καὶ ἥδονῆς, ἣ δὴ προσπίπτει σφίσιν οὐδὲ ἐξ εὐπραγίας πολλάκις, καὶ μελετῶσι δὲ οἱ τοιοῦτοι δίκας οὐδὲ φθεγξάμενοί πω ἐν δικαστηρίῳ, καὶ πλουτεῖν φασιν οὐδὲ δραχμῆς αὐτοῖς ἔνδον οὔσης. ταῦτα δέ, ὡς βασιλεῦ, μανικὰ πάθη· καὶ γὰρ αὐτὸ τὸ ἥδεσθαι διακινεῖ τὴν γυνώμην καὶ πολλοὺς οἶδα τῶν σφόδρα ἡγουμένων εὖ πράττειν οὐδὲ καθεύδειν δυναμένους, ἀλλ’ ἐκπηδῶντας τοῦ ὕπνου, καὶ τοῦτ’ ἀν εἴη τὸ παρέχειν φροντίδας καὶ τάγαθά. ἔστι δὲ καὶ

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APOLLONIUS then summoned Damis, and said: "Tis a clever man with whom we are discussing and one thoroughly trained in argument." "I see it is so," said Damis, "and perhaps this is what is meant by the phrase 'catching a Tartar.' But the argument excites me very much, of which he has delivered himself; so it is time for you to wake up and finish it." Apollonius then raised his head slightly and said: "Well I will prove, out of your own lips and following your own argument, how much advantage we who drink water have in that we sleep more sweetly. For you have clearly stated and admitted that the minds of drunkards are disordered and are in a condition of madness; for we see those who are under the spell of drink imagining that they see two moons at once and two suns, while those who have drunk less, even though they are quite sober, while they entertain no such delusions as these, are yet full of exultation and pleasure; and this fit of joy often falls upon them, even though they have not had any good luck, and men in such a condition will plead cases, although they never opened their lips before in a law-court, and they will tell you they are rich, although they have not a farthing in their pockets. Now these, O king, are the affections of a madman. For the mere pleasure of drinking disturbs their judgment, and I have known many of them who were so firmly convinced that they were well off, that they were unable to sleep, but leapt up in their slumbers, and this is the meaning of the saying that 'good fortune itself is a reason for being anxious.'

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All effects
of drinking
hostile to
reason and
sound
divination

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CAP. **XXXVI** φάρμακα ὑπνου μεμηχανημένα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, ὡς πιόντες τε καὶ ἀλειψάμενοι καθεύδουσιν ἐκτεναυτες αὐτοὺς ὥσπερ ἀποθανόντες, ὅθεν μετά τινα λήθης ἀνίστανται καὶ ἄλλοσέ ποι μᾶλλον εἰσιν οὐπερ εἶναι δοκοῦσιν. ὅτι μὲν δὴ τὰ πινόμενα μᾶλλον δὲ τὰ ἐπαντλουμένα τῇ ψυχῇ καὶ τὸ σώματι οὐ γνήσιον οὐδὲ οἰκεῖον ἐπεσάγεται τὸ ὑπνον, ἀλλ' ἡ βαθὺν καὶ ἡμιθυῆτα ἡ βραχὺν καὶ διασπώμενον ὑπὸ τῶν ἐντρεχόντων, καν χρηστὴ, ἔνθηση τάχα, εἰ μὴ τὸ δύσερι μᾶλλον ἡ πέριστικὸν σπουδάζεις. οἱ δὲ ἐμοὶ ἔντοποι τε μὲν ὄντα ὄρωσιν ὡς ὄντα, τὰ δὲ οὐκ ὄντα οὐτὲ ἀναγράφουσιν αὐτοῖς οὕθ' ὑποτυπούνται, κοῦφοι τε οὐπω ἔδοξαν, οὐδὲ μεστοὶ βλακείας οὐδὲ εὐηθείας ἡ ἱλαρώτεροι τοῦ προσήκοντος, ἀλλ' ἐφεστηκότες εἰσὶ καὶ λογισμοῦ πλέω, παραπλήσιοι δείλης τε καὶ ὅποτε ἀγορὰ πλήθει, οὐ γὰρ νυστάζουσιν οὗτοι, καν πόρρω τῶν νυκτῶν σπουδάζωσιν. οἱ γὰρ ἔξωθεν αὐτοὺς ὁ ὑπνος ὥσπερ δεσπότης βρίσας ἐς τὸν αὐχένα δεδουλωμένον ὑπὸ τοῦ οἴνου, ἄλληλεύθεροί τε καὶ ὄρθοὶ φαίνονται, καταδαρθέντες δὲ καθαρὰ τῇ ψυχῇ δέχονται τὸν ὑπνον οὔτε ὑπὸ τῶν εὐπραγιῶν ἀνακουφιζόμενοι αὐτοῦ οὔτε ὑπὸ κακοπραγίας τινὸς ἐκθρώσκουντες. ἔνυμετρος γὰρ πρὸς ἄμφω ταῦτα ψυχὴ νήφουσα καὶ οὐδετέρου τῶν παθῶν ἥττων, ὅθεν καθεύδει ἥδιστα καὶ ἀλυπότατα μὴ ἔξισταμένη τοῦ ὑπνου.

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Men have also devised sleeping draughts, by drink- CHAP.
XXXVIing or anointing themselves with which, people at once stretch themselves out and go to sleep as if they were dead ; but when they wake up from such sleep it is with a sort of forgetfulness, and they imagine that they are anywhere rather than where they are. Now these draughts are not exactly drunk, but I would rather say that they drench the soul and body ; for they do not induce any sound or proper sleep, but the deep coma of a man half dead, or the light and distracted sleep of men haunted by phantoms, even though they be wholesome ones ; and you will, I think, agree with me in this, unless you are disposed to quibble rather than argue seriously. But those who drink water, as I do, see things as they really are, and they do not record in fancy things that are not ; and they were never found to be giddy, nor full of drowsiness, or of silliness, nor unduly elated ; but they are wide awake and thoroughly rational, and always the same, whether late in the evening or early in the morning when the market is crowded ; for these men never nod, even though they pursue their studies far into the night. For sleep does not drive them forth, pressing down like a slave-holder upon their necks, that are bowed down by the wine ; but you find them free and erect, and they go to bed with a clear, pure soul and welcome sleep, and are neither buoyed up by the bubbles of their own private luck, nor scared out of their wits by any adversity. For the soul meets both alternatives with equal calm, if it be sober and not overcome by either feeling ; and that is why it can sleep a delightful sleep untouched by the sorrows which startle others from their couches.

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CAP.
XXXVII Καὶ μὴν καὶ τὸ μαντικὸν τὸ ἐκ τῶν ὄνειράτων, διορᾶ μὴ
θειότατον τῶν ἀνθρωπίνων δοκεῖ, ῥάον διορᾶ μὴ
ξυντεθολωμένη ὑπὸ τοῦ οἴνου, ἀλλ' ἀκήρατος
δεχομένη αὐτὸν καὶ περιαθροῦσα· οἱ γοῦν ἔξηγηται
τῶν ὅψεων, οὓς ὄνειροπόλους οἱ ποιηταὶ καλοῦσιν,
οὐκ ἀν ὑποκρίνοιντο ὅψιν οὐδεμίαν μὴ πρότερον
ἐρόμενοι τὸν καιρόν, ἐν φεύγειν. ἀν μὲν γὰρ ἔῳδος
ἡ καὶ τοῦ περὶ τὸν ὄρθρον ὑπνου, ξυμβάλλονται
αὐτὴν ὡς ὑγιῶς μαντευομένης τῆς ψυχῆς, ἐπειδὰν
ἀπορρύψηται τὸν οἶνον, εἰ δὲ ἀμφὶ πρῶτουν ὑπνου
ἡ μέσας νύκτας, ὅτε βεβύθισται τε καὶ ξυντε-
θόλωται ἔτι ὑπὸ τοῦ οἴνου, παραιτοῦνται τὴν
ὑπόκρισιν σοφοὶ ὄντες. ὡς δὲ καὶ τοῖς θεοῖς δοκεῖ
ταῦτα καὶ τὸ χρησμῶδες ἐν ταῖς μηφούσαις
ψυχαῖς τίθενται, σαφῶς δηλώσω· ἐγένετο, φεύγειν
βασιλεῦ, παρ' "Ελλησιν Ἀμφιάρεως ἀνὴρ μάντις."
"οἴδα," εἶπε, "λέγεις γάρ που τὸν τοῦ Οἰκλέους,
διν ἐκ Θηβῶν ἐπανιόντα ἐπεσπάσατο ἡ γῆ ζῶντα."
"οὗτος, φεύγειν βασιλεῦ," ἔφη, "μαντευόμενος ἐν τῇ
Ἀττικῇ νῦν ὄνειρατα ἐπάγει τοῖς χρωμένοις, καὶ
λαβόντες οἱ ἱερεῖς τὸν χρησόμενον σίτου τε
εἴργουσι μίαν ἡμέραν καὶ οἴνου τρεῖς, ἵνα διαλαμ-
πούσῃ τῇ ψυχῇ τῶν λογίων σπάσῃ· εἰ δὲ ὁ οἶνος

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AND more than this, as a faculty of divination by means of dreams, which is the divinest and most god-like of human faculties, the soul detects the truth all the more easily when it is not muddied by wine, but accepts the message unstained and scans it carefully. Anyhow, the explainers of dreams and visions, those whom the poets call interpreters of dreams, will never undertake to explain any vision to anyone without having first asked the time when it was seen. For if it was at dawn and in the sleep of morning-tide, they calculate its meaning on the assumption that the soul is then in a condition to divine soundly and healthily, because by then it has cleansed itself of the stains of wine. But if the vision was seen in the first sleep or at midnight, when the soul is still immersed in the lees of wine and muddled thereby, they decline to make any suggestions, if they are wise. And that the gods also are of this opinion, and that they commit the faculty of oracular response to souls which are sober, I will clearly show. There was, O king, a seer among the Greeks called Amphiaraus." "I know," said the other; "for you allude, I imagine, to the son of Oecles, who was swallowed up alive by the earth on his way back from Thebes." "This man, O king," said Apollonius, "still divines in Attica, inducing dreams in those who consult him, and the priests take a man who wishes to consult him, and they prevent his eating for one day, and from drinking wine for three, in order that he may imbibe the oracles with his soul in a condition of utter transparency. But if wine were

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Dreams due
to drink are
valueless for
purposes of
divination

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CAP. XXXVII ἀγαθὸν ἦν τοῦ ὑπνου φάρμακον, ἐκέλευσεν ἀν ὁ σοφὸς Ἀμφιάρεως τοὺς θεωροὺς τὸν ἐναντίον ἐσκευασμένους τρόπον καὶ οἴνου μεστούς, ὥσπερ ἀμφορέας, ἐς τὸ ἄδυτον αὐτῷ φέρεσθαι. πολλὰ δὲ καὶ μαντεῖα λέγοιμ ἀν εὐδόκιμα παρ' Ἑλλησί τε καὶ βαρβάροις, ἐν οἷς ὁ ἴερεὺς ὑδατος, ἀλλ' οὐχὶ οἴνου σπάσας ἀποφθέγγεται τὰ ἐκ τοῦ τριποδος. θεοφόρητον δὴ κάμε ἡγοῦ καὶ πάντας, ὡ βασιλεῦ, τοὺς τὸ ὑδωρ πίνοντας· νυμφόληπτοι γὰρ ἡμεῖς καὶ βάκχοι τοῦ νήφειν.” “ποιήσῃ οὖν,” ἔφη, “ὦ Ἀπολλώνιε, κάμε θιασώτην; “εἰπερ μὴ φορτικός,” εἶπε, “τοῖς ὑπηκόοις δόξεις φιλοσοφία γὰρ περὶ βασιλεῖ ἀνδρὶ ξύμμετρος μὲν καὶ ὑπανειμένη θαυμαστὴν ἐργάζεται κρᾶσιν, ὥσπερ ἐν σοὶ διαφαίνεται, ἡ δὲ ἀκριβὴς καὶ ὑπερτείνουσα φορτική τε, ὡ βασιλεῦ, καὶ ταπεινοτέρα τῆς ὑμετέρας σκηνῆς φαίνεται καὶ τύφου δὲ αὐτό τι ἀν ἔχειν ἡγοῦντο βάσκανοι.”

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CAP. XXXVIII Ταῦτα διαλεχθέντες, καὶ γὰρ ἡμέρα ἥδη ἐτύγχανεν, ἐς τὸ ἔξω προῆλθον. καὶ ξυνεὶς ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, ὃς χρηματίζειν δέοι τὸν βασιλέα πρεσβείαις τε καὶ τοῖς τοιούτοις, “σὺ μέν,” ἔφη, “ὦ βασιλεῦ, τὰ προσήκοντα τῇ ἀρχῇ πρᾶττε, ἐμὲ δὲ τὸν καιρὸν τοῦτον ἄνεις τῷ Ἡλίῳ, δεῖ γάρ με τὴν εἰθισμένην εὐχὴν εὑξασθαι.” “καὶ ἀκούοι γε εὐχομένου,” ἔφη, “χαριεῖται γὰρ πᾶσιν, ὅπόσοι τῇ σοφίᾳ τῇ

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good drug of sleep, then the wise Amphiaraus CHAP.
would have bidden his votaries to adopt the opposite XXXVII
regimen, and would have had them carried into his shrine as full of wine as leatheren flagons. And I could mention many oracles, held in repute by Greeks and barbarians alike, where the priest utters his responses from the tripod after imbibing water and not wine. So you may consider me also as a fit vehicle of the god, O king, along with all who drink water. For we are rapt by the nymphs and are bacchantic revellers in sobriety." "Well, then," said the king, "you must make me too, O Apollonius, a member of your religious brotherhood." "I would do so," said the other, "provided only you will not be esteemed vulgar and held cheap by your subjects. For in the case of a king a philosophy that is at once moderate and indulgent makes a good mixture, as is seen in your own case; but an excess of rigour and severity would seem vulgar, O king, and beneath your august station; and it might be construed by the envious as due to pride."

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WHEN they had thus conversed, for by this time it CHAP.
was daylight, they went out into the open. And XXXVIII
Apollonius, understanding that the king had to give the Sun
audience to embassies and such-like, said: "You the Sun
then, O king, must attend to the business of state,
but let me go and devote this hour to the Sun, for I
must needs offer up to him my accustomed prayer."
"And I pray he may hear your prayer," said the king,
"for he will bestow his grace on all who find pleasure

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CAP.
XXXVIII σῇ χαίρουσιν· ἐγὼ δὲ περιμενῶ σε ἐπανιόντα, καὶ γάρ δικάσαι τινὰς χρὴ δίκας, αἷς παρατυχὼν τὰ μέγιστά με ὄνήσεις.

XXXIX

CAP.
XXXIX Ἐπανελθὼν οὖν προκεχωρηκίας ἥδη τῆς ἡμέρας ἡρώτα περὶ ὧν ἐδίκασεν, ὁ δέ, “τήμερον,” ἔφη, “οὐκ ἐδίκασα, τὰ γὰρ ἵερὰ οὐν ξυνεχώρει μοι.” ὑπολαβὼν οὖν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, “ἔφ’ ἵεροῖς οὖν,” ἔφη, “ποιεῖσθε καὶ ταύτας, ὡσπερ τὰς ἐξόδους τε καὶ τὰς στρατείας;” “νὴ Δί,” εἶπε, “καὶ γὰρ ἐνταῦθα κίνδυνος, εἰ ὁ δικάζων ἀπενεχθείη τοῦ εὐθέος.” εὐ λέγειν τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ ἔδοξε, καὶ ἤρετο αὐτὸν πάλιν, τίς εἴη, ἦν δικάσοι δίκην, “όρῶ γάρ,” εἶπεν, “ἐφεστηκότα σε καὶ ἀποροῦντα, ὅπῃ ψηφίσαιο.” “όμολογῷ,” ἔφη, “ἀπορεῖν, ὅθεν ξύμβουλον ποιοῦμαί σε. ἀπέδοτο μὲν γάρ τις ἐτέρῳ γῆν, ἐν ἣ θησαυρὸς ἀπέκειτό τις οὕπω δῆλος, χρόνῳ δὲ ὕστερον ἡ γῆ ῥαγεῖσα χρυσοῦ τινα ἀνέδειξε θήκην, ἦν φῆσι μὲν ἑαυτῷ προσήκειν μᾶλλον ὁ τὴν γῆν ἀποδόμενος, καὶ γὰρ οὐδὲ ἀν ἀποδόσθαι τὴν γῆν, εἰ προῦμαθεν, ὅτι βίον ἐπ’ αὐτῇ ἔχοι, ὁ πριάμενος δὲ αὐτὸς ἀξιον πεπάσθαι, ἀ ἐν τῇ λοιπὸν ἑαυτοῦ γῆ εὑρε· καὶ δίκαιος μὲν ὁ ἀμφοῖν λόγος, εὐήθης δ’ ἀν ἐγὼ φαινοίμην, εἰ κελεύσαιμι ἄμφω νείμασθαι τὸ χρυσίον, τουτὶ

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In your wisdom; but I will wait for you until you ^{CHAP.} return, for I have to decide some cases in which ^{XXXVIII} your presence will very greatly help me."

XXXIX

APOLLONIUS then returned, when the day was already far advanced, and asked him about the cases which he was judging; but he answered: "To-day I have not judged any, for the omens did not allow me." Apollonius then replied and said: "It is the case then that you consult the omens in such cases as these, just as you do when you are setting out on a journey or a campaign." "Yes, by Zeus," he said, "for there is a risk in this case of one who is a judge straying from the right line." Apollonius felt that what he said was true, and asked him again what the suit was which he had to decide; "For I see," he said, "that you have given your attention to it and are perplexed what verdict to give." "I admit," said the king, "that I am perplexed; and that is why I want your advice; for one man has sold to another land, in which there lay a treasure as yet undiscovered, and some time afterwards the land, being broken up, revealed a certain chest, which the person who sold the land says belongs to him rather than to the other, for that he would never have sold the land, if he had known beforehand that he had a fortune thereon; but the purchaser claims that he acquired everything that he found in land, which thenceforth was his. And both their contentions are just; and I shall seem ridiculous if I order them

CHAP.
XXXIX
The king
consults
him about
a lawsuit

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. **XXXIX** γὰρ ἀν καὶ γραῦς διαιτώη.” ὑπολαβὼν οὖτ
 Ἀπολλώνιος, “ώς μὲν οὐ φιλοσύφω,” ἔφη, “τῷ
 ἄνδρε, δηλοῖ τὸ περὶ χρυσίου διαφέρεσθαι σφᾶς.
 ἄριστα δ’ ἀν μοι δικάσαι δόξεις ὡδε ἐνθυμηθείς.
 ώς οἱ θεοὶ πρῶτον μὲν ἐπιμέλειαν ποιοῦνται τῶν
 ξὺν ἀρετῇ φιλοσοφούντων, δεύτερον δὲ τῶν
 ἀναμαρτήτων τε καὶ μηδὲν πώποτε ἀδικεῖν δοξάν-
 των. διδόασι δὲ τοῖς μὲν φιλοσοφοῦσι διαγι-
 γνώσκειν εὖ τὰ θεῖά τε καὶ τὰ ἀνθρώπεια, τοῖς
 δ’ ἄλλως χρηστοῖς βίον ἀποχρῶντα, ώς μὴ χήτει
 ποτὲ τῶν ἀναγκαίων ἀδικοὶ γένωνται δοκεῖ δῆ
 μοι, βασιλεῦ, καθάπερ ἐπὶ τρυτάνης ἀντικρῖναι
 τούτους καὶ τὸν ἀμφοῦν ἀναθεωρῆσαι βίον, οὐ γὰρ
 ἀν μοι δοκοῦσιν οἱ θεοὶ τὸν μὲν ἀφελέσθαι καὶ
 τὴν γῆν, εἰ μὴ φαῦλος ἦν, τῷ δ’ αὖ καὶ τὰ ὑπὸ τῇ
 γῇ δοῦναι, εἰ μὴ βελτίων ἦν τοῦ ἀποδομένου.”
 ἀφίκοντο ἐς τὴν ὑστεραίαν δικασόμενοι ἄμφω, καὶ
 ὁ μὲν ἀποδόμενος ὑβριστής τε ἡλέγχετο καὶ
 θυσίας ἐκλελοιπώς, ἀς ἔδει τοῖς ἐν τῇ γῇ θεοῖς
 θύειν, ὁ δὲ ἐπιεικής τε ἐφαίνετο καὶ ὄσιώτατα
 θεραπεύων τοὺς θεούς. ἐκράτησεν οὖν ἡ τοῦ
 Ἀπολλωνίου γνώμη καὶ ἀπῆλθεν ὁ χρηστὸς ώς
 παρὰ τῶν θεῶν ταῦτα ἔχων.

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to share the gold between them, for any old woman could settle the matter in that way." Apollonius thereupon replied as follows : "The fact that they are quarrelling about gold shows that these two men are no philosophers ; and you will, in my opinion, give the best verdict if you bear this in mind, that the gods attach the first importance and have most care for those who live a life of philosophy together with moral excellence, and only pay secondary attention to those who have committed no faults and were never yet found unjust. Now they entrust to philosophers the task of rightly discerning things divine and human as they should be discerned, but to those who merely are of good character they give enough to live upon, so that they may never be rendered unjust by actual lack of the necessities of life. It seems then to me, O king, right to weigh these men in the balance, as it were, and to examine their respective lives ; for I cannot believe that the gods would deprive the one even of his land, unless he was a bad man, or that they would, on the other hand, bestow on the other even what was under the land, unless he was better than the man who sold it." The two claimants came back the next day, and the seller was convicted of being a ruffian who had neglected the sacrifices, which it was his bounden duty to sacrifice to the gods on that land¹; but the other was found to be a decent man and a most devout worshipper of the gods. Accordingly, the opinion of Apollonius prevailed, and the better of the two men quitted the court as one on whom the gods had bestowed this boon.

¹ Or render : the gods of the underworld.

XL

CAP. ^{XL} Ἐπεὶ δὲ τὰ τῆς δίκης ὡδε ἔσχε, προσελθὼν ὁ
 Ἀπολλώνιος τῷ Ἰνδῷ, “τήμερον,” εἰπεν, “ἡ τρίτη
 τῶν ἡμερῶν, ἐν αἷς ἐποιοῦ με, ὡ βασιλεὺν, ξένου,
 τῆς δ’ ἐπιούσης ἔω χρὴ ἔξελαύνειν ἐπόμενου τῷ
 νόμῳ.” “ἀλλ’ οὐδὲ ὁ νόμος,” εἰπεν, “ἡδη διαλέγεται
 σοι, καὶ γὰρ τῇ αὔριον μένειν ἔξεστιν, ἐπειδὴ μετὰ
 μεσημβρίαν ἀφίκουν.” “χαίρω,” ἔφη, “τῷ ξενίῳ,
 καὶ γάρ μοι δοκεῖς καὶ σοφίζεσθαι τὸν νόμον δι’
 ἐμέ.” “εὶ γὰρ καὶ λῦσαι αὐτὸν ἡδυνάμην,” εἰπε,
 “τό γε ὑπὲρ σοῦ. ἀλλ’ ἐκεῖνό μοι εἰπέ, Ἀπολλώ-
 νιε, αἱ κάμηλοι, ἐφ’ ὃν ὀχεῖσθαι σέ φασιν, οὐκ
 ἐκ Βαβυλῶνος ἄγουσιν ὑμᾶς;” “ἐκεῖθεν,” ἔφη,
 “δόντος γε αὐτὰς Οὐαρδάνου.” “ἔτ’ οὖν ὑμᾶς
 ἀπάγειν δυνήσονται, τοσαῦτα ἡδη στάδια ἐκ
 Βαβυλῶνος ἥκουσαι;” ἐσιώπησε μὲν ὁ Ἀπολλώ-
 νιος, ὁ δὲ Δάμις, “οὕπω συνίησιν,” ἔφη, “ὡ βασιλεὺν,
 τῆς ἀποδημίας ὁ ἀνὴρ οὗτος, οὐδὲ τῶν ἐθνῶν, ἐν
 οἷς λοιπόν ἐσμεν, ἀλλ’ ὡς πανταχοῦ σέ τε καὶ
 Οὐαρδάνην ἔξων παιδιὰν ἡγεῖται τὸ ἐς Ἰνδοὺς
 παρελθεῖν. τό τοι τῶν καμήλων οὐ διομολογεῖται
 πρὸς σέ, δν ἔχει τρόπον διάκεινται γὰρ οὗτοι
 κακῶς, ὡς αὐταὶ μᾶλλον ὑφ’ ἡμῶν φέρεσθαι, καὶ
 δεῖ ἐτέρων. ἀν γὰρ ὀκλάσωσιν ἐν ἐρήμῳ που τῆς
 Ἰνδικῆς, ἡμεῖς μέν,” ἔφη, “καθεδούμεθα τοὺς
 γῦπτάς τε καὶ τοὺς λύκους ἀποσοβοῦντες τῶν καμή-
 λων, ἡμῶν δὲ οὐδεὶς ἀποσοβήσει, προσαπολούμεθα

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XL

WHEN the law-suit had been thus disposed of,<sup>CHAP
XL</sup> Apollonius approached the Indian, and said: "This is the third day, O king, that you have made me your guest; and at dawn to-morrow I must quit your land in accordance with the law." "But," said the other, "the law does not yet speak to you thus, for you can remain on the morrow, since you came after midday." "I am delighted," said Apollonius, "with your hospitality, and indeed you seem to me to be straining the law for my sake." "Yes indeed, and I would I could break it," said the king, "in your behalf; but tell me this, Apollonius, did not the camels bring you from Babylon which they say you were riding?" "They did," he said, "and Vardan gave them us." "Will they then be able to carry you on, after they have come already so many stades from Babylon?" Apollonius made no answer, but Damis said: "O king, our friend here does not understand anything about our journey, nor about the races among which we shall find ourselves in future; but he regards our passage into India as mere child's play, under the impression that he will everywhere have you and Vardan to help him. I assure you, the true condition of the camels has not been acknowledged to you; for they are in such an evil state that we could carry them rather than they us, and we must have others. For if they collapse anywhere in the wilderness of India, we," he continued, "shall have to sit down and drive off the vultures and wolves from the camels, and as no one will drive them off from

The king
gives the
travellers
fresh camels

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. γάρ.” ὑπολαβὼν οὖν ὁ βασιλεύς, “έγώ,” ἔφη,
XL “τοῦτο ίάσομαι, ὑμῖν τε γὰρ ἐτέρας δώσω—
 τεττάρων, οἷμαι, δεῖσθε—καὶ ὁ σατράπης δὲ ὁ ἐπὶ
 τοῦ Ἰνδοῦ πέμψει ἐς Βαβυλῶνα ἐτέρας τέτταρας.
 ἔστι δέ μοι ἀγέλη καμῆλων ἐπὶ τῷ Ἰνδῷ, λευκαὶ
 πᾶσαι.” “ἡγεμόνα δέ,” εἶπεν ὁ Δάμις, “οὐκ ἄν,
 ω βασιλεῦ, δοίης;” “καὶ κάμηλόν γε,” ἔφη, “τῷ
 ἡγεμόνι δώσω καὶ ἐφόδια, ἐπιστελῶ δὲ καὶ Ἱάρχα
 τῷ πρεσβυτάτῳ τῶν σοφῶν, ἵν’ Ἀπολλώνιον μὲν
 ώς μηδὲν κακίω ἑαυτοῦ δέξηται, ὑμᾶς δὲ ώς
 φιλοσόφους τε καὶ ὄπαδοὺς ἀνδρὸς θείου.” καὶ
 χρυσίον δὲ ἐδίδου ὁ Ἰνδὸς καὶ ψήφους καὶ ὀθόνας
 καὶ μυρία τοιαῦτα· ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος χρυσίον
 μὲν ἔφη ἵκανὸν ἑαυτῷ εἶναι δόντος γε Οὐαρ-
 δάνου τῷ ἡγεμόνι ἀφανῶς αὐτό, τὰς δὲ ὀθόνας
 λαμβάνειν, ἐπειδὴ ἐοίκασι τρίβωνι τῶν ἀρχαίων
 τε καὶ πάνυ Ἀττικῶν. μίαν δέ τινα τῶν ψήφων
 ἀνελόμενος, “ὦ βελτίστη,” εἶπεν, “ώς ἐς καιρόν σε
 καὶ οὐκ ἀθεεὶ εὑρηκα,” ἵσχυν, οἷμαί, τινα ἐν αὐτῇ
 καθεωρακῶς ἀπόρρητόν τε καὶ θείαν. οἱ δὲ ἀμφὶ
 τὸν Δάμιν χρυσίον μὲν οὐδὲν αὐτοὶ προσίεντο, τῶν
 ψήφων δὲ ἵκανῶς ἐδράττοντο, ώς θεοῖς ἀναθή-
 σοντες, ὅτε ἐπανέλθοιεν ἐς τὰ ἑαυτῶν ἥθη.

XLI

CAP. Καταμείνασι δὲ αὐτοῖς καὶ τὴν ἐπιοῦσαν, οὐ
XLI γὰρ μεθίετο σφῶν ὁ Ἰνδός, δίδωσι τὴν πρὸς τὸν
 Ἱάρχαν ἐπιστολὴν γεγραμμένην ὡδε·

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us, we shall perish too." The king answered accord- CHAP.
ingly and said : " I will remedy this, for I will give ^{XL} you other camels, and you need four I think, and the satrap ruling the Indus will send back four others to Babylon. But I have a herd of camels on the Indus, all of them white." " And," said Damis, " will you not also give us a guide, O king? " " Yes, of course," he answered, " and I will give a camel to the guide and provisions, and I will write a letter to Iarchas, the <sup>And a letter
to Iarchas</sup> oldest of the sages, praying him to welcome Apollonius as warmly as he did myself, and to welcome you also as philosophers and followers of a divine man." And forthwith the Indian gave them gold and precious stones and linen and a thousand other such things. And Apollonius said that he had enough gold already, because Vardan had given it to the guide on the sly ; but that he would accept the linen robes, because they were like the cloaks worn by the ancient and genuine inhabitants of Attica. And he took up one of the stones and said : " O rare stone, <sup>His gift
of gems</sup> how opportunely have I found you, and how providentially ! " detecting in it, I imagine, some secret and divine virtue. Neither would the companions of Damis accept for themselves the gold ; nevertheless they took good handfuls of the gems, in order to dedicate them to the gods, whenever they should regain their own country.

XLI

So they remained the next day as well, for the CHAP.
Indian would not let them go, and he gave them a ^{XLI} letter for Iarchas, written in the following terms :—

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. "Βασιλεὺς Φραώτης Ἰάρχα διδασκάλῳ καὶ τοῖς
XLI περὶ αὐτὸν χαίρειν.

'Απολλώνιος ἀνὴρ σοφώτατος σοφωτέρους ὑμᾶς
έαυτοῦ ἡγεῖται καὶ μαθησόμενος ἥκει τὰ ὑμέτερα.
πέμπετε οὖν αὐτὸν εἰδότα ὅπόσα ἔστε· ώς
ἀπολεῖται οὐδὲν τῶν μαθημάτων ὑμῖν, καὶ γὰρ
λέγει ἄριστα ἀνθρώπων καὶ μέμνηται. ἴδετω δὲ
καὶ τὸν θρόνον, ἐφ' οὐ καθίσαντί μοι τὴν βασιλείαν
ἔδωκας, Ἰάρχα πάτερ. καὶ οἱ ἐπόμενοι δὲ αὐ
τοῖς ἐπαίνου, ὅτι τοιοῦδε ἀνδρὸς ἥττηντ
εὐτύχει καὶ εὐτυχεῖτε.'

XLII

CAP. 'Εξελάσαντες δὲ τῶν Ταξίλων καὶ δύο ἡμερῶν
XLIΙΙ ὕδον διελθόντες ἀφίκοντο ἐς τὸ πεδίον, ἐν φ' λέγε-
ται πρὸς Ἀλέξανδρον ἀγωνίσασθαι Πῶρος, καὶ
πύλας ἐν αὐτῷ ἴδειν φασι ξυγκλειούσας οὐδέν,
ἀλλὰ τροπαίων ἔνεκα ὠκοδομημένας. ἀνακείσθαι
γὰρ ἐπ' αὐτῶν τὸν Ἀλέξανδρον ἐφεστηκότα
τετραρρύμοις ἄρμασιν, οἷος ἐπὶ τοῖς Δαρείου
σατράπαις ἐν Ἰσσοῖς ἐστηκε. διαλείπουσαι δ' οὐ
πολὺ ἀλλήλων δύο ἔξφοδομῆσθαι λέγονται πύλαι,
καὶ φέρειν ἡ μὲν Πῶρον, ἡ δὲ Ἀλέξανδρον,
ξυμβεβηκότε, οἵμαι, μετὰ τὴν μάχην, ὁ μὲν γὰρ
ἀσπαζομένῳ ἔοικεν, ὁ δὲ προσκυνοῦντι.

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"King Phraotes to Iarchas his master and to his
companions, all hail !

CHAP.
XLI

Apollonius, wisest of men, yet accounts you still
wiser than himself, and is come to learn your lore.
Send him away therefore when he knows all that you
know yourselves, assured that nothing of your
teachings will perish, for in discourse and memory
he excels all men. And let him also see the throne,
on which I sat, when you, Father Iarchas, bestowed
on me the kingdom. And his followers too deserve
commendation for their devotion to such a master.
Farewell to yourself and your companions."

Letter of
King
Phraotes
to Iarchas
recom-
mending
Apollonius

XLII

And they rode out of Taxila, and after a journey
of two days reached the plain, in which Porus is
said to have engaged Alexander : and they say they
saw gates therein that enclosed nothing, but had
been erected to carry trophies. For there was
set up on them a statue of Alexander standing in a
four-poled chariot,¹ as he looked when at Issus
he confronted the Satraps of Darius. And at
a short distance from one another there are said to
have been built two gates, carrying the one a statue
of Porus, and the other one of Alexander, of both, as
I imagine, reconciled to one another after the battle ;
for the one is in the attitude of one man greeting
another, and the other of one doing homage.

CHAP.
XLII

They leave
Taxila. The
triumphal
arch of
Alexander

¹ i.e. with eight horses.

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. "Βασιλεὺς Φραώτης Ἰάρχα διδασκάλῳ καὶ
XLII περὶ αὐτὸν χαίρειν.

'Απολλώνιος ἀνὴρ σοφώτατος σοφωτέροις
έαυτοῦ ἡγεῖται καὶ μαθησόμενος ἥκει τὰ ἐ^ι
πέμπετε οὖν αὐτὸν εἰδότα ὅποσα ἵσ-
ἀπολεῖται οὐδὲν τῶν μαθημάτων ὑμῖν,
λέγει ἄριστα ἀνθρώπων καὶ μέμνηται.
καὶ τὸν Θρόνον, ἐφ' οὐ καθίσαντί μοι τὴν β-
έδωκας, Ἰάρχα πάτερ. καὶ οἱ ἐπόμενοι
ἄξιοι ἐπαίνου, ὅτι τοιοῦδε ἀνδρὸς
εὐτύχει καὶ εὐτυχεῖτε."

XLII

CAP. 'Εξελάσαντες δὲ τῶν Ταξίλων καὶ
XLII ὁδὸν διελθόντες ἀφίκουντο ἐς τὸ πεδίον.
ταὶ πρὸς Ἀλέξανδρον ἀγωνίσασθαι
πύλας ἐν αὐτῷ ἰδεῖν φασι ξυγκλει-
ἀλλὰ τροπαίων ἔνεκα ὠκοδομημένας.
γὰρ ἐπ' αὐτῶν τὸν Ἀλέξανδρον
τετραρρύμοις ἄρμασιν, οἷος ἐπὶ
σατράπαις ἐν Ἰσσοῖς ἐστηκε. διαλ-
πολὺ ἀλλήλων δύο ἔξωκοδομῆσθαι λ.
καὶ φέρειν ἡ μὲν Πῶρον, ἡ δὲ
ξυμβεβηκότε, οἵμαι, μετὰ τὴν μάχην
ἀσπαζομένῳ ἔοικεν, ὃ δὲ προσκυνοῦ

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XLIII

AND having crossed the river Hydraotes and CHAP,
passed by several tribes, they reached the Hyphasis,
and thirty stades away from this they came on altars XLIII
bearing this inscription : "To Father Ammon and Altars of
Heracles his brother, and to Athena Providence and
to Zeus of Olympus and to the Cabeiri of Alexander
Samothrace, and to the Indian Sun and to the
Delphian Apollo."

And they say there was also a brass column
dedicated, and inscribed as follows :

"Alexander stayed his steps at this point." The
altars we may suppose to be due to Alexander who
so honoured the limit of his Empire ; but I fancy
the Indians beyond the Hyphasis erected the
column, by way of expressing their pride at
Alexander's having gone no further.

BOOK III

Γ'

I

CAP.
I Περὶ δὲ τοῦ Ὄφασιδος καὶ ὄπόσος τὴν Ἰνδικὴν
διαστείχει καὶ ὅ τι περὶ αὐτὸν θαῦμα, τάδε χρὴ
γιγνώσκειν· αἱ πηγαὶ τοῦ ποταμοῦ τούτου βλύ-
ζουσι μὲν ἐκ πεδίου, ναυσίποροι αὐτόθεν, προϊοῦσαι
δὲ καὶ ναυσὶν ἥδη ἄποροι εἰσιν. ἀκρωνυχίαι γὰρ
πετρῶν παραλλὰξ ὑπανίσχουσι τοῦ ὕδατος, περὶ
ἅς ἀνάγκη τὸ ρέnumma ἐλίττεσθαι καὶ ποιεῖν τὸν
ποταμὸν ἄπλουν. εὔρος δὲ αὐτῷ κατὰ τὸν Ἰστρον,
ποταμῶν δὲ οὗτος δοκεῖ μέγιστος, ὄπόσοι δι'
Εὐρώπης ρέουσι. δένδρα δέ οἱ προσόμοια φύει
παρὰ τὰς ὅχθας, καὶ τι καὶ μύρον ἐκδίδοται τῶν
δένδρων, ὃ ποιοῦνται Ἰνδοὶ γαμικὸν χρίσμα, καὶ
εἰ μὴ τῷ μύρῳ τούτῳ ράνωσι τοὺς νυμφίους οἱ
ξυνιόντες ἐς τὸν γάμον, ἀτελῆς δοκεῖ καὶ οὐκ ἐς
χάριν τῇ Ἀφροδίτῃ ξυναρμοσθείσ. ἀνεῖσθαι δὲ
τῇ θεῷ ταύτῃ λέγουσιν αὐτό τε τὸ περὶ τῷ ποταμῷ
νέμος καὶ τοὺς ἵχθυς τοὺς ταώς, οὓς οὗτος μόνος
ποταμῶν τρέφει, πεποίηνται δὲ αὐτοὺς ὁμωνύμους
τοῦ ὅρνιθος, ἐπεὶ κυάνεοι μὲν αὐτοῖς οἱ λόφοι,

BOOK III

I

IT is now time to notice the river Hyphasis, and ^{CHAP.} I to ask what is its size as it traverses India, and what remarkable features it possesses. The springs ^{The river} *Hyphasis* of this river well forth out of the plain, and close to its source its streams are navigable, but as they advance they soon become impossible for boats, because spits of rock alternating with one another, rise up just below the surface; round these the current winds of necessity, so rendering the river unnavigable. And in breadth it approaches to the river Ister, and this is allowed to be the greatest of all the rivers which flow through Europe. Now the woods along the bank closely resemble those of the river in question, and a balm also is distilled from the trees, out of which the Indians make a nuptial ointment; and unless the contracting parties to the wedding have besprinkled the young couple with this balm, the union is not considered complete nor compatible with Aphrodite bestowing her grace upon it. Now they say that the grove in the neighbourhood of the river is dedicated to this goddess, as also the fishes called peacock fish which are bred in this river alone, and which have been given the same name as the bird, because their fins

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. στικταὶ δὲ αἱ φολίδες, χρυσᾶ δὲ τὰ οὐραῖα καὶ,
^I ὅπότε βούλοιντο, ἀνακλώμενα. ἔστι δέ τι θηρίον
ἐν τῷ ποταμῷ τούτῳ σκώληκι εἰκασμένου λευκῷ.
τοῦτο οἱ τήκοντες ἐλαιον ποιοῦνται, πῦρ δὲ ἄρα
τοῦ ἐλαίου τούτου ἐκδίδοται, καὶ στέγει αὐτὸ πλὴν
ὑέλου οὐδέν. ἀλίσκεται δὲ τῷ βασιλεῖ μόνῳ τὸ
θηρίον τοῦτο πρὸς τειχῶν ἄλωσιν. ἐπειδὰν γὰρ
θίγῃ τῶν ἐπάλξεων ἡ πιμελή, πῦρ ἐκκαλεῖται
κρείττον σβεστηρίων, ὅπόσα ἀνθρώποις πρὸς τὰ
πυρφόρα εὔρηται.

II

CAP. ^{II} Καὶ τοὺς ὄνους δὲ τοὺς ἀγρίους ἐν τοῖς ἔλεσι τού-
τοις ἀλίσκεσθαι φασιν, εἰναι δὲ τοῖς θηρίοις τού-
τοις ἐπὶ μετώπου κέρας, φέταυρηδόν τε καὶ οὐκ
ἀγεννῶς μάχονται, καὶ ἀποφαίνειν τοὺς Ἰνδῶν
ἔκπωμα τὸ κέρας τοῦτο, οὐ γὰρ οὗτε νοσῆσαι τὴν
ἡμέραν ἐκείνην ὁ ἀπ' αὐτοῦ πιῶν, οὕτε ἀν τρωθεὶς
ἀλγῆσαι, πυρός τε διεξελθεῖν ἀν καὶ μηδὲ ἀν φαρ-
μάκοις ἀλῶναι ὅπόσα ἐπὶ κακῷ πίνεται, βασιλέων
δὲ τὸ ἔκπωμα εἰναι καὶ βασιλεῖ μόνῳ ἀνεῖσθαι τὴν
θήραν. Ἀπολλώνιος δὲ τὸ μὲν θηρίον ἐωρακέναι
φησὶ καὶ ἄγασθαι αὐτὸ τῆς φύσεως, ἐρομένου δὲ
αὐτὸν τοῦ Δάμιδος, εἰ τὸν λόγον τὸν περὶ τοῦ
ἔκπωματος προσδέχοιτο, “προσδέξομαι,” εἶπεν,
“ἥν ἀθάνατον μάθω τὸν βασιλέα τῶν δεῦρο Ἰνδῶν
ὄντα, τὸν γὰρ ἐμοί τε καὶ τῷ δεῖνι ὄρέγοντα πῶμα

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are blue, and their scales spotty, and their tails CHAP.
golden, and because they can fold and spread the latter at will.

There is also a creature in this river which ^{The fiery worm} resembles a white worm. By melting this down they make an oil, and from this oil, it appears, there is given off a flame such that nothing but glass can contain it. And this creature may be caught by the king alone who utilises it for the capture of cities; for as soon as the fat in question touches the battlements, a fire is kindled which defies all the ordinary means devised by men against combustibles.

II

AND they say that wild asses are also to be CHAP.
captured in these marshes, and these creatures have ^{II}
^{The unicorn ass, and the magic cup made from his horn} a horn upon the forehead, with which they butt like a bull and make a noble fight of it; the Indians make this horn into a cup, for they declare that no one can ever fall sick on the day on which he has drunk out of it, nor will any one who has done so be the worse for being wounded, and he will be able to pass through fire unscathed, and he is even immune from poisonous draughts which others would drink to their harm. Accordingly, this goblet is reserved for kings, and the king alone may indulge in the chase of this creature. And Apollonius says that he saw this animal, and admired its natural features; but when Damis asked him if he believed the story about the goblet, he answered: "I will believe it, if I find the king of the Indians hereabout to be immortal; for surely a man who can offer me or anyone else a



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CAP. ἄνοσόν τε καὶ οὔτως ὑγιές, πῶς οὐχὶ μᾶλλον εἰκὸς
II αὐτὸν ἐπεγχέν ἔαυτῷ τούτου καὶ ὀσημέραι πίνειν
ἀπὸ τοῦ κέρατος τούτου μέχρι κραιπάλης; οὐ γὰρ
διαβαλεῖ τις, οἶμαι, τὸ τούτῳ μεθύειν.”

III

CAP. III 'Ενταῦθα καὶ γυναιώ φασὶν ἐντετυχηκέναι τὰ
μὲν ἐκ κεφαλῆς ἐς μαζοὺς μέλανι, τὰ δὲ ἐκ μαζῶν
ἐς πόδας λευκῷ πάντα, καὶ αὐτοὶ μὲν ὡς δεῖμα
φυγεῖν, τὸν δὲ Ἀπολλώνιον ξυνάψαι τε τῷ γυναιώ
τὴν χεῖρα καὶ ξυνεῖναι ὅ τι εἴη· ἴεροῦται δὲ ἄρα τῇ
'Αφροδίτῃ Ἰνδὴ τοιαύτῃ, καὶ τίκτεται τῇ θεῷ γυνὴ^{ποικίλη, καθάπερ ὁ Ἀπις Αἰγυπτίοις.}

IV

CAP. IV 'Εντεῦθέν φασιν ὑπερβαλεῖν τοῦ Καυκάσου τὸ
κατατεῖνον ἐς τὴν Ἐρυθρὰν θάλασσαν, εἰναι δὲ
αὐτὸν ξυνηρεφὲς ἵδαις ἀρωμάτων. τοὺς μὲν δὴ
πρῶνας τοῦ ὄρους τὸ κιννάμωμον φέρειν, προσεοι-
κέναι δὲ αὐτὸν νέοις κλήμασι, βάσανον δὲ τοῦ
ἀρώματος τὴν αἴγα εἰναι· κινναμώμου γὰρ εἴ τις
αἴγι ὀρέξειε, κινυζήσεται πρὸς τὴν χεῖρα, καθάπερ
κύων, ἀπιόντι τε ὁμαρτήσει τὴν ρήνα ἐς αὐτὸν
ἔρείσασα, κὰν ὁ αἰπόλος ἀπάγη, θρηνήσει καθάπερ
λωτοῦ ἀποσπωμένη. ἐν δὲ τοῖς κρημνοῖς τοῦ

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draught potent against disease and so wholesome, CHAP.
will he not be much more likely to imbibe it himself,^{II}
and take a drink out of this horn every day even at
the risk of intoxication? For no one, I conceive,
would blame him for exceeding in such cups."

III

At this place they say that they also fell in with CHAP.
a woman who was black from her head to her bosom,^{III}
but was altogether white from her bosom down to ^{A piebald}
^{woman} her feet; and the rest of the party fled from her
believing her to be a monster, but Apollonius clasped
the woman by the hand and understood what she
was; for in fact such a woman in India is consecrated
to Aphrodite, and a woman is born piebald in honour
of this goddess, just as is Apis among the Egyptians.

IV

THEY say that from this point they crossed the CHAP.
part of the Caucasus which stretches down to the ^{IV}
Red Sea; and this range is thickly overgrown with
aromatic shrubs. The spurs then of the mountain
bear the cinnamon tree, which resembles the young
tendrils of the vine, and the goat gives sure indication
of this aromatic shrub; for if you hold out a bit of
cinnamon to a goat, she will whine and whimper after
your hand like a dog, and will follow you when you
go away, pressing her nose against it; and if the goat-
herd drags her away, she will moan as if she were
being torn away from the lotus. But on the steeps of
<sup>The cinnamon
of the
Caucasus</sup>

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CAP. ὅρους λίβανοί τε ὑψηλοὶ πεφύκασι καὶ πολλὰ εἰδη
IV ἔτερα, καὶ τὰ δένδρα αἱ πεπέριδες, ὡν γεωργοὶ
πίθηκοι, καὶ οὐδὲ φειδασται τοῦτο, παρεῖται
σφισιν, δην δὲ εἴρηται τρόπου, ἐγὼ δηλώσω· τὸ
δένδρον ἡ πέπερις εἴκασται μὲν τῷ παρ' "Ελλησιν
ἄγνω τά τε ἄλλα καὶ τὸν κόρυμβον τοῦ καρποῦ,
φύεται δὲ ἐν τοῖς ἀποτόμοις οὐκ ἐφικτὸς τοῖς
ἀνθρώποις, οὐ λέγεται πιθήκων οἰκεῖν δῆμος ἐν
μυχοῖς τοῦ ὅρους καὶ ὁ τι αὐτοῦ κοῖλον, οὓς πολ-
λοῦ ἀξίους οἱ Ἰνδοὶ νομίζουντες, ἐπειδὴ τὸ πέπερι
ἀποτρυγῶσι, τοὺς λέοντας ἀπ' αὐτῶν ἐρύκουσι κυσί-
τε καὶ ὅπλοις. ἐπιτίθεται δὲ πιθήκῳ λέων νοσῶν
μὲν ὑπὲρ φαρμάκου, τὴν γὰρ νόσον αὐτῷ τὰ κρέα
ἴσχει ταῦτα, γεγηρακώς δὲ ὑπὲρ σίτου, τῆς γὰρ τῶν
ἔλαφων καὶ συῶν θήρας ἔξωροι γεγονότες τοὺς πι-
θήκους λαφύσσουσιν ἐς τοῦτο χρώμενοι τῇ λοιπῇ
ρώμῃ. οὐ μὴν οἱ ἀνθρώποι περιορῶσιν, ἀλλ' εὐερ-
γέτας ἡγούμενοι τὰ θηρία ταῦτα πρὸς τοὺς λέοντας
ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν αἰχμὴν αἱρούνται. τὰ γὰρ πρατόμενα
περὶ τὰς πεπέριδας ὀδε ἔχει· προσελθόντες οἱ Ἰνδοὶ
τοῖς κάτω δένδρεσι, τὸν καρπὸν ἀποθερίσαντες, ἄλως
ποιοῦνται μικρὰς περὶ τὰ δένδρα, καὶ τὸ πέπερι περὶ
αὐτὰς ξυμφοροῦσιν οἷον ριπτοῦντες, ὡς ἄτιμόν τι
καὶ μὴ ἐν σπουδῇ τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, οἱ δὲ ἀνωθεν καὶ
ἐκ τῶν ἀβάτων ἀφεωρακότες ταῦτα, νυκτὸς γενο-
μένης ὑποκρίνονται τὸ τῶν Ἰνδῶν ἔργον, καὶ τοὺς
βοστρύχους τῶν δένδρων περισπῶντες ριπτοῦσι

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CHAP.
IV

this mountain there grow very lofty frankincense trees, as well as many other species, for example the pepper trees which are cultivated by the apes. Nor did they neglect to record the look and appearance of this tree, and I will repeat exactly their account of it. The pepper tree resembles in general the willow of the Greeks, and particularly in regard to the berry of the fruit; and it grows in steep ravines where it cannot be got at by men, and where a community of apes is said to live in the recesses of the mountain and in any of its glens; and these apes are held in great esteem by the Indians, because they harvest the pepper for them, and they drive the lions off them with dogs and weapons. For the lion, when he is sick, attacks the ape in order to get a remedy, for the flesh of the ape stays the course of his disease; and he attacks it when he is grown old to get a meal, for the lions when they are past hunting stags and wild boars gobble up the apes, and husband for their pursuit whatever strength they have left. The inhabitants of the country, however, are not disposed to allow this, because they regard these animals as their benefactors, and so make war against the lions in behalf of them. For this is the way they go to work in collecting the pepper; the Indians go up to the lower trees and pluck off the fruit, and they make little round shallow pits around the trees, into which they collect the pepper, carelessly tossing it in, as if it had no value and was of no serious use to mankind. Then the monkeys mark their actions from above out of their fastnesses, and when the night comes on they imitate the action of the Indians, and twisting off the twigs of the trees, they bring and throw them into the pits in question; then the

The pepper tree
Its fruit procured for men by the apes

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CAP. φέροντες ἐς τὰς ἄλως, οἱ Ἰνδοὶ δὲ ἄμα ἡμέρᾳ σωρ-
IV οὺς ἀναιροῦνται τοῦ ἀρώματος οὐδὲ πονήσαντες
οὐδέν, ἀλλὰ ῥάθυμοί τε καὶ καθεύδοντες.

V

CAP. Τπεράραντες δὲ τοῦ ὅρους πεδίον ἵδεῖν φασε
λείον κατατετμημένον ἐς τάφρους πλήρεις ὕδατος.
V είναι δὲ αὐτῶν τὰς μὲν ἐπικαρσίους, τὰς δὲ ὄρθας,
διηγμένας ἐκ τοῦ ποταμοῦ τοῦ Γάγγου, τῆς τε
χώρας ὅρια οὔσας, τοῖς τε πεδίοις ἐπαγομένας,
οπότε ἡ γῆ διψφή. τὴν δὲ γῆν ταύτην ἀρίστην
φασὶ τῆς Ἰνδικῆς είναι καὶ μεγίστην τῶν ἐκεῖ
λήξεων, πεντεκαίδεκα ἡμερῶν ὁδοῦ μῆκος ἐπὶ τὸν
Γάγγην, ὀκτωκαίδεκα δὲ ἀπὸ θαλάσσης ἐπὶ τὸ
τῶν πιθήκων ὅρος, φένειον παρατείνει. πεδιὰς πᾶσα
ἡ χώρα μέλαινα τε καὶ πάντων εὑφορος. ἵδεῖν
μὲν γὰρ ἐν αὐτῇ στάχνας ἀνεστῶτας, ὅσον οἱ
δόνακες, ἵδεῖν δὲ κυάμους τριπλασίους τῶν Αἰ-
γυπτίων τὸ μέγεθος, σήσαμόν τε καὶ κέγχρου
ὑπερφυά πάντα. ἐνταῦθα καὶ τὰ κάρυα φύεσθαι
φασιν, ὃν πολλὰ πρὸς ιεροῖς ἀνακεῖσθαι τοῖς
δεῦρο θαύματος ἔνεκα. τὰς δὲ ἀμπέλους φύεσθαι
μὲν μικράς, καθάπερ αἱ Λυδῶν τε καὶ Μαιόνων,
ποτίμους δὲ είναι καὶ ἀνθοσμάς ὁμοῦ τῷ ἀπο-
τρυγάν. ἐνταῦθα καὶ δένδρῳ φασὶν ἐντευχηκέναι
προσεοικότι τῇ δάφνῃ, φύεσθαι δὲ αὐτοῦ κάλυκα
είκασμένην τῇ μεγίστῃ ῥόᾳ, καὶ μῆλον ἐγκεῖσθαι
τῇ κάλυκι κυάνεον μέν, ὕσπερ τῶν ὑακίνθων
αἱ κάλυκες, πάντων δὲ ἥδιστον, ὅπόσα ἐξ ὠρῶν
ῆκει.

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Indians at daybreak carry away the heaps of the CHAP.
spice which they have thus got without any trouble,^{IV}
and indeed during the repose of slumber.

V

AFTER crossing the top of the mountain, they say CHAP.
they saw a smooth plain seamed with cuts and^V
ditches full of water, some of which were carried
crosswise, whilst others were straight; these are derived from the river Ganges, and serve both for boundaries, and also are distributed over the plain, when the soil is dry. But they say that this soil is the best in India, and constitutes the greatest of the territorial divisions of that country, extending in length towards the Ganges a journey of fifteen days and of eighteen from the sea to the mountain of the apes along which it skirts. The whole soil of the plain is black and fertile of everything; for you can see on it standing corn as high as reeds, and you can also see beans three times as large as the Egyptian kind, as well as sesame and millet of enormous size. And they say that nuts also grow there, of which many are treasured up in our temples here as objects of curiosity. But the vines which grow there are small, like those of the Lydians and Maeones; their vintage however is not only drinkable, but has a fine bouquet from the first. They also say that they came upon a tree there resembling the laurel, upon which there grew a cup or husk resembling a very large pomegranate; and inside the cup there was a kernel as blue as the cups of the hyacinth, but sweeter to the taste than any of the fruits the seasons bring.

The irrigated plain of the Ganges

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CAP.
VI Καταβαίνοντες δὲ τὸ ὅρος δρακόντων θήρα^ς
περιτυχεῖν φασι, περὶ ἡς ἀνάγκη λέξαι· καὶ γὰρ
σφόδρα εὔηθες ὑπὲρ μὲν τοῦ λαγῶ καὶ ὅπως ἀλι-
σκεται καὶ ἀλώσεται, πολλὰ εἰρῆσθαι τοῖς ἐς
φροντίδα βαλλομένοις ταῦτα, ἡμᾶς δὲ παρελθεῖν
λόγον γενναίας τε καὶ δαιμονίου θήρας μηδὲ τῷ
ἀνδρὶ παραλειφθέντα, ἐς δὲ ταῦτα ἔγραψα· δρα-
κόντων μὲν γὰρ δὴ ἀπείροις μήκεσι κατέζωσται
πᾶσα ἡ Ἰνδικὴ χώρα καὶ μεστὰ μὲν αὐτῶν Ἐλη,
μεστὰ δὲ ὅρη, κενὸς δὲ οὐδεὶς λόφος. οἱ μὲν δὴ
ἔλειοι νωθροί τέ εἰσι καὶ τριακοντάπηχυ μῆκος
ἔχουσι, καὶ κράνος αὐτοῖς οὐκ ἀνέστηκεν, ἀλλ'
εἰσὶ ταῖς δρακαίναις ὅμοιοι, μέλανες δὲ ἵκανῶς τὸν
νῶτον καὶ ἡττον φοιδωτοὶ τῶν ἄλλων. καὶ
σοφώτερον ἡπταὶ τοῦ λόγου περὶ αὐτῶν "Ομηρος
ἡ οἱ πολλοὶ ποιηταί, τὸν γὰρ δράκοντα τὸν ἐν
Αὐλίδι τὸν πρὸς τῇ πηγῇ οἴκοῦντα περὶ νῶτα
δαφοινὸν εἴρηκεν, οἱ δὲ ἄλλοι ποιηταὶ τὸν ὁμοήθη
τούτῳ τὸν ἐν τῷ τῆς Νεμέας ἄλσει φασὶ καὶ
λοφιάν ἔχειν, ὅπερ οὐκ ἀν περὶ τοὺς ἔλείους
εὑροιμεν.

VII

CAP.
VII Οἱ δὲ ὑπὸ τὰς ὑπωρείας τε καὶ τοὺς λόφους
ἴενται μὲν ἐς τὰ πεδία ἐπὶ θήρα, πλεονεκτοῦσι δὲ τῶν
ἔλείων πάντα, καὶ γὰρ ἐς πλέον τοῦ μήκους ἐλαύ-
νουσι, καὶ ταχύτεροι τῶν ὀξυτάτων ποταμῶν
φέρονται, καὶ διαφεύγει αὐτοὺς οὐδέν· τούτοις καὶ

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VI

Now as they descended the mountain, they say CHAP.
they came in for a dragon hunt, which I must needs VI
describe. For it is utterly absurd for those who are amateurs of hare-hunting to spin yarns about the hare, as to how it is caught or ought to be caught, and yet that we should omit to describe a chase as bold as it is wonderful, and in which the sage was careful to assist; so I have written the following account of it: The whole of India is girt with dragons of enormous size; for not only the marshes are full of them, but the mountains as well, and there is not a single ridge without one. Now the marsh kind are sluggish in their habits and are thirty cubits long, and they have no crest standing up on their heads, but in this respect resemble the she-dragons. Their backs however are very black, with fewer scales on them than the other kinds; and Homer *Iliad* II. 308 has described them with deeper insight than have most poets, for he says that the dragon that lived hard by the spring in Aulis had a tawny back; but other poets declare that the congener of this one in the grove of Nemea also had a crest, a feature which we could not verify in regard to the marsh dragons.

The several sorts of dragon in India

VII

AND the dragons along the foothills and the CHAP.
mountain crests make their way into the plains after VII
their quarry, and prey upon all the creatures in the marshes; for indeed they reach an extreme length, and move faster than the swiftest rivers, so

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CAP. λοφιὰ φύεται, νέοις μὲν ὑπανίσχουσα τὸ μέτριον,
VII τελειουμένοις δὲ συναυξανομένη τε καὶ συνανιοῦσα
ἐς πολύ, ὅτε δὴ πυρσοί τε καὶ πριονωτοὶ γίγνονται.
οὗτοι καὶ γενειάσκουσι καὶ τὸν αὐχένα ὑψοῦ
αἴρουσι, καὶ τὴν φολίδα στῖλβουσι δίκην ἀργύρου,
αἱ δὲ τῶν ὄφθαλμῶν κόραι λίθος ἐστὶ διάπυρος,
ἰσχὺν δ' αὐτῶν ἀμήχανον εἶναι φασιν ἐς πολλὰ
τῶν ἀποθέτων. γίγνεται δὲ τοῖς θηρώσιν ὁ πεδινὸς
εὔρημα, ἐπειδὰν τῶν ἐλεφάντων τινὰ ἐπισπάσηται,
τουτὶ γὰρ ἀπόλλυσιν ἄμφω τὰ θηρία. καὶ κέρδος
τοῖς ἑλοῦσι δράκοντας ὄφθαλμοί τε γίγνονται καὶ
δορὰ καὶ ὀδόντες. εἰσὶ δὲ τὰ μὲν ἄλλα ὅμοιοι
τοῖς τῶν μεγίστων συῶν, λεπτότεροι δὲ καὶ διά-
στροφοι καὶ τὴν αὐχμὴν ἄτριπποι, καθάπερ οἱ τῶν
μεγάλων ἵχθύων.

VIII

CAP. Οἱ δὲ ὄρειοι δράκοντες τὴν μὲν φολίδα χρυσοῖ
VIII φαίνονται, τὸ δὲ μῆκος ὑπὲρ τοὺς πεδινούς, γένεια
δὲ αὐτοῖς βοστρυχώδη, χρυσᾶ κάκεῖνα, καὶ κατω-
φρύωνται μᾶλλον ἢ οἱ πεδινοί, ὅμμα τε ὑποκάθηται
τῇ ὄφρύι δεινὸν καὶ ἀναιδὲς δεδορκός, ὑπόχαλκόν τε
ἡχὼ φέρουσιν, ἐπειδὰν τῇ γῇ ὑποκυμαίνωσιν, ἀπὸ
δὲ τῶν λόφων πυρσῶν ὅντων πῦρ αὐτοῖς ἄττει
λαμπαδίου πλέον. οὗτοι καὶ τοὺς ἐλέφαντας
αἴρουσιν, αὐτοὶ δὲ ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰνδῶν οὕτως ἀλί-

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that nothing escapes them. These actually have a CHAP.
crest, of moderate extent and height when they are VII
young ; but as they reach their full size, it grows
with them and extends to a considerable height, at
which time also they turn red and get serrated
backs. This kind also have beards, and lift their
necks on high, while their scales glitter like silver ; Their eyes
and the pupils of their eyes consist of a fiery stone, contain
and they say that this has an uncanny power for mystic
many secret purposes. The plain specimen falls
the prize of the hunters whenever it draws upon
itself an elephant ; for the destruction of both
creatures is the result, and those who capture
the dragons are rewarded by getting the eyes and
skin and teeth. In most respects they resemble the
largest swine, but they are slighter in build and
flexible, and they have teeth as sharp and indestruct-
ible as those of the largest fishes.

VIII

Now the dragons of the mountains have scales of CHAP
a golden colour, and in length excel those of the VIII
plain, and they have bushy beards, which also are of
a golden hue ; and their eyebrows are more prominent
than those of the plain, and their eye is sunk deep
under the eyebrow, and emits a terrible and ruthless
glance. And they give off a noise like the clashing
of brass whenever they are burrowing under the
earth, and from their crests, which are all fiery red,
there flashes a fire brighter than a torch. They
also can catch the elephants, though they are
themselves caught by the Indians in the following

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CAP. σκονται· κοκκοβαφεῖ πέπλῳ χρυσᾶ ἐνείραυτες
γράμματα τίθενται πρὸ τῆς χειᾶς ὑπνου, ἐγγοητεύ-
σαντες τοῖς γράμμασιν, ὑφ' οὐ νικάται τοὺς
όφθαλμοὺς ὁ δράκων ἀτρέπτους δύντας, καὶ πολλὰ
τῆς ἀπορρήτου σοφίας ἐπ' αὐτὸν ἄδουσιν, οἵς
ἄγεται τε καὶ τὸν αὐχένα ὑπερβαλὼν τῆς χειᾶς
ἐπικαθεύδει τοῖς γράμμασι· προσπεσόντες οὖν οἱ
Ἰνδοὶ κειμένῳ πελέκεις ἐναράττουσι, καὶ τὴν
κεφαλὴν ἀποτεμόντες λήζονται τὰς ἐν αὐτῇ λίθους.
ἀποκεῖσθαι δέ φασιν ἐν ταῖς τῶν ὄρείων δρακόντων
κεφαλαῖς λίθους τὸ μὲν εἶδος ἀνθηρὰς καὶ πάντα^{VIII}
ἀπαυγαζούσας χρώματα, τὴν δὲ ἵσχὺν ἀρρήτους
κατὰ τὸν δακτύλιον, δν γενέσθαι φασὶ τῷ Γύγῃ.
πολλάκις δὲ καὶ τὸν Ἰνδὸν αὐτῷ πελέκει καὶ αὐτῇ
τέχνῃ συλλαβὼν ἐς τὴν αὐτοῦ χειὰν φέρων φέρετο,
μονονοὺς σείων τὸ ὅρος. οὗτοι καὶ τὰ ὅρη τὰ περὶ^{IX}
τὴν Ἐρυθρὰν οἰκεῖν λέγονται, σύριγμα δὲ δεινόν
φασιν ἀκούεσθαι τούτων, καὶ κατιόντας αὐτοὺς ἐπὶ^X
τὴν θάλατταν πλεῖν ἐπὶ πολὺ τοῦ πελάγους. περὶ^{XI}
δὲ ἐτῶν μήκους τοῦ θηρίου τούτου γνῶναι τε
ἄπορον καὶ εἰπεῖν ἄπιστον. τοσαῦτα περὶ δρακόν-
των οἶδα.

IX

CAP. Τὴν δὲ πόλιν τὴν ὑπὸ τῷ ὅρει μεγίστην οὖσαν
φασὶ μὲν καλεῖσθαι Πάρακα, δρακόντων δὲ ἀνακεῖ-
σθαι κεφαλὰς ἐν μέσῃ πλείστας, γυμναζομένων
τῶν ἐν ἔκείνῃ Ἰνδῶν τὴν θήραν ταύτην ἐκ νέων.
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manner. They embroider golden runes on a scarlet CHAP cloak, which they lay in front of the animal's burrow after charming them to sleep with the runes ; for this is the only way to overcome the eyes of the dragon, which are otherwise inflexible, and much mysterious lore is sung by them to overcome him. These runes induce the dragon to stretch his neck out of his burrow and fall asleep over them : then the Indians fall upon him as he lies there, and despatch him with blows of their axes, and having cut off the head they despoil it of its gems. And they say that in the heads of the mountain dragons there are stored away stones of flowery colour, which flash out all kinds of hues, and possess a mystical power if set in a ring, like that which they say belonged to Gyges. But often the Indian, in spite of his axe and his cunning, is caught by the dragon, who carries him off into his burrow, and almost shakes the mountains as he disappears. These are also said to inhabit the mountains in the neighbourhood of the Red Sea, and they say that they heard them hissing terribly and that they saw them go down to the shore and swim far out into the sea. It was impossible however to ascertain the number of years that this creature lives, nor would my statements be believed. This is all I know about dragons.

IX

THEY tell us that the city under the mountain is CHAP of great size and is called Parax, and that in the centre of it are stored up a great many heads of dragons, for the Indians who inhabit it are trained from their boyhood in this form of sport. And they

IX
The city
Parax

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CAP λέγονται δὲ καὶ ζῷων ξυνιέναι φθεγγομένων τε καὶ
IX βουλευομένων, σιτούμενοι δράκοντος οἱ μὲν καρδίαν,
οἱ δὲ ἡπαρ. προϊόντες δὲ αὐλοῦ μὲν ἀκοῦσαι δόξαι
νομέως δή τινος ἀγέλην τάττοντος, ἐλάφους δὲ ἄρα
βουκολεῖσθαι λευκάς, ἀμέλγουσι δὲ Ἰνδοὶ ταύτας
εὐτραφὲς ἡγούμενοι τὸ ἀπ' αὐτῶν γάλα.

X

CAP. X Ἐντεῦθεν ἡμερῶν τεττάρων ὁδὸν πορευόμενοι δι'
εὑδαίμονος καὶ ἐνεργοῦ τῆς χώρας προσελθεῖν
φασι τῇ τῶν σοφῶν τύρσει. τὸν δὲ ἡγεμόνα
κελεύσαντα συνοκλάσαι τὴν κάμηλον ἀποπηδῆσαι
αὐτῆς περιδεῖ καὶ ἰδρῶτος πλέων. τὸν δὲ Ἀπολ-
λώνιον ξυνεῖναι μὲν οὖ ἥκοι, γελάσαντα δὲ ἐπὶ τῷ
τοῦ Ἰνδοῦ δέει, "δοκεῖ μοι," φάναι, "οὗτος, εἰ καὶ
κατέπλευσεν ἐς λιμένα μακρόν τι ἀναμετρήσας
πέλαγος, ἀχθεσθῆναι ἀν τῇ γῇ καὶ δεῖσαι τὸ ἐν
ὅρμῳ εἶναι." καὶ ἅμα εἰπὼν ταῦτα προσέταξε τῇ
καμῆλῳ συνιζῆσαι, καὶ γὰρ δὴ καὶ ἐθὰς λοιπὸν ἦν
τῶν τοιούτων, περίφοβον δὲ ἄρα ἐποίει τὸν ἡγεμόνα
τὸ πλησίον τῶν σοφῶν ἥκειν, Ἰνδοὶ γὰρ δεδίασι
τούτους μᾶλλον ἢ τὸν σφῶν αὐτῶν βασιλέα, ὅτι
καὶ βασιλεὺς αὐτός, ὑφ' ὧ ἐστιν ἡ χώρα, περὶ
πάντων, ἀ λεκτέα τε αὐτῷ καὶ πρακτέα, ἐρωτᾶ
τούσδε τοὺς ἄνδρας, ὃσπερ οἱ ἐς θεοῦ πέμποντες,
οἱ δὲ σημαίνουσι μέν, ὃ τι λῷον αὐτῷ πράττειν, ὃ
τι δὲ μὴ λῷον, ἀπαγορεύουσι τε καὶ ἀπο-
σημαίνουσι.

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are also said to acquire an understanding of the language and ideas of animals by feeding either on the heart or the liver of the dragon.

And as they advanced they thought they heard the pipe of some shepherd marshalling his flock, but it turned out to be a man looking after a herd of white hinds, for the Indians use these for milking, and find their milk very nutritious.

X

FROM this point their road led for four days across a rich and well cultivated country, till they approached the castle of the sages, when their guide bade his camel crouch down, and leapt off it in such an agony of fear that he was bathed in perspiration. Apollonius however quite understood where he was come to, and smiling at the panic of the Indian, said : “ It seems to me that this fellow, were he a mariner who had reached harbour after a long sea voyage, would worry at being on land and tremble at being in dock.” And as he said this he ordered his camel to kneel down, for indeed he was by now well accustomed to do so. And it seems that what scared the guide so much was that he was now close to the sages ; for the Indians fear these people more than they do their own king, because the very king to whom the land is subject consults them about everything that he has to say or do, just as people who send to an oracle of a god ; and the sages indicate to him what it is expedient for him to do, and what is inexpedient, and dissuade and warn him off with signs.

CHAP.
X
Castle of
the sages.
Terror of
the guide

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XI

CAP. XI Καταλύσειν δὲ μέλλοντες ἐν τῇ κώμῃ τῇ πλησίον—ἀπέχει δὲ τοῦ ὄχθου τῶν σοφῶν οὕπω στάδιον—ἰδεῖν φασι νεανίαν δρόμῳ ἥκοντα, μελάντατον Ἰνδῶν πάντων, ὑποστήλβειν δὲ αὐτῷ μηνοειδῶς τὸ μεσόφρυνον. τουτὶ δὲ ἀκούω χρόνοις ὕστερον καὶ περὶ Μένωνα τὸν Ἡρώδου τοῦ σοφιστοῦ τρόφιμον, ἀπ' Αἰθιόπων δὲ ἦν, ἐν μειρακίῳ δόξαι, προϊόντος δὲ ἐς ἄνδρας ἐκλιπεῖν τὴν αὐγὴν ταύτην καὶ συναφανισθῆναι τῇ ὥρᾳ, τὸν δὲ Ἰνδὸν χρυσῆν μὲν φέρειν φασὶν ἄγκυραν, ἦν νομίζουσιν Ἰνδοὶ κηρύκειον ἐπὶ τῷ πάντα ἵσχειν.

XII

CAP. XII Προσδραμόντα δὲ τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ φωνῇ Ἐλάδι προσειπεῖν αὐτόν, καὶ τοῦτο μὲν οὕπω θαυμαστὸν δόξαι διὰ τὸ καὶ τοὺς ἐν τῇ κώμῃ πάντας ἀπὸ Ἐλλήνων φθέγγεσθαι, τὸ δὲ “ὅ δεῖνα χαῖρε” τοῖς μὲν ἄλλοις παρασχεῖν ἐκπληξιν, τῷ δὲ ἀνδρὶ θάρσος ὑπὲρ ὃν ἀφικτο, βλέψας γὰρ ἐς τὸν Δάμιν, “παρὰ ἄνδρας,” ἔφη, “σοφοὺς ἀτεχνῶς ἥκομεν, ἐοίκασι γὰρ προγιγνώσκειν.” καὶ ἅμα ἤρετο τὸν Ἰνδόν, ὃ τι χρὴ πράττειν, ποθῶν ἤδη τὴν ξυνουσίαν, ὃ δὲ Ἰνδός,

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XI

AND they were about to halt in the neighbouring CHAP.
village, which is hardly distant a single stade from
the eminence occupied by the sages, when they saw
a youth run up to them, the blackest Indian they
ever saw ; and between his eyebrows was a crescent-
shaped spot which shone brightly. But I learn that
at a later time the same feature was remarked in the
case of Menon the pupil of Herod the Sophist, who
was an Ethiop ; it show'd while he was a youth, but
as he grew up to man's estate its splendour waned
and finally disappeared with his youth. But the
Indian also wore, they say, a golden anchor, which
is affected by Indians as a herald's badge, because it
holds all things fast.

The messenger
of the sages
described

XII

THEN he ran up to Apollonius and addressed CHAP.
him in the Greek tongue ; and so far this did
not seem so remarkable, because all the inhab-
itants of the village spoke the Greek tongue. But
when he addressed him by name and said "Hail
so and so," the rest of the party were filled
with astonishment, though our sage only felt the
more confidence in his mission : for he looked
to Damis and said : "We have reached men who
are unfeignedly wise, for they seem to have the
gift of foreknowledge." And he at once asked
the Indian what he must do, because he was already
eager for an interview : and the Indian replied :

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CAP. "τούτους μέν," ἔφη, "καταλύειν χρὴ ἐνταῦθα, σὲ
XII δὲ ἥκειν ώς ἔχεις, κελεύουσι γὰρ αὐτοί."

XIII

CAP. Τὸ μὲν δὴ αὐτὸὶ Πυθογόρειον ἥδη τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ
XIII ἐφάνη, καὶ ἡκολούθει χαίρων.

Τὸν δὲ ὅχθον, ἐφ' οὐ οἱ σοφοὶ ἀνφκισμένοι εἰσίν, ὕψος μὲν εἶναι κατὰ τὴν Ἀθηναίων φασὶν ἀκρόπολιν, ἀνίστασθαι δὲ ἐκ πεδίου ἄνω, εὐφυῖς δὲ ὁμοίως πέτραιν ὁχυροῦν αὐτὸν κύκλῳ περιήκουσαν, ἃς πολλαχοῦ δίχηλα ὁρᾶσθαι ἔχην καὶ γενειάδων τύπους καὶ προσώπων καὶ που καὶ νῶτα ἴδειν ἀπωλισθηκόσιν ὅμοια, τὸν γὰρ Διόνυσον, ὅτε ξὺν Ἡρακλεῖ ἀπεπειράτο τοῦ χωρίου, προσβαλεῖν μὲν αὐτῷ φασι κελεῦσαι τοὺς Πάνας, ώς πρὸς τὸν σεισμὸν ἵκανούς, ἐμβροντηθέντας δὲ αὐτοὺς ὑπὸ τῶν σοφῶν πεσεῖν ἄλλον ἄλλως, καὶ τὰς πέτρας οἷον ἐντυπωθῆναι τὰ τῆς διαμαρτίας σχήματα. περὶ δὲ τῷ ὅχθῳ νεφέλην ἴδειν φασιν, ἐν γῇ τοὺς Ἰνδοὺς οἰκεῖν φανερούς τε καὶ ἀφανεῖς καὶ ὁ τι βούλονται. πύλας δὲ εἴ μὲν καὶ ἄλλας εἶναι τῷ ὅχθῳ, οὐκ εἰδέναι. τὸ γὰρ περὶ αὐτὸν νέφος οὕτε ἀκλείστῳ ξυγχωρεῖν οὔτ' αὖ ξυγκεκλεισμένῳ φαίνεσθαι.

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“ Your party must halt here, but you must come on CHAP.
just as you are, for the Masters themselves issue this ^{XII} command.”

XIII

THE word *Masters* at once had a Pythagorean ring CHAP.
for the ears of Apollonius and he gladly followed the ^{XIII} messenger.

Now the hill the summit of which is inhabited by <sup>Situation
of the
castle</sup> the sages is, according to the account of our travellers, of about the same height as the Acropolis of Athens; and it rises straight up from the plain, though its natural position equally secures it from attack, for the rock surrounds it on all sides. On many parts of this rock you see traces of cloven feet and outlines of beards and of faces, and here and there impressions of backs as of persons who had slipt and rolled down. For they say that Dionysus, when he was trying to storm the place together with Hercules, ordered the Pans to attack it, thinking that they would be strong enough to take it by assault; but they were thunderstruck by the sages and fell one, one way, and another, another; and the rocks as it were took the print of the various postures in which they fell and failed. And they say that they saw a cloud floating round the eminence on which the Indians live and render themselves visible or invisible at will. Whether there were any other gates to the eminence they say they did not know; for the cloud around it did not anywhere allow them to be seen, whether there was an opening in the rampart, or whether on the other hand it was a close-shut fortress.



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XIV

CAP.
XIV Αὐτὸς δὲ ἀναβῆναι μὲν κατὰ τὸ νότιον μάλιστα τοῦ ὅχθου τῷ Ἰνδῷ ἐπόμενος, ἵδεῖν δὲ πρῶτον μὲν φρέαρ ὁργιῶν τεττάρων, οὐ τὴν αὔγην ἐπὶ τὸ στόμιον ἀναπέμπεσθαι κυανωτάτην οὖσαν, καὶ ὅπότε ἡ μεσημβρία τοῦ ἥλιου σταίη περὶ αὐτό, ἀνιμᾶσθαι τὴν αὔγην ἀπὸ τῆς ἀκτῆς καὶ χωρεῖν ἄνω παρεχομένην εἶδος θερμῆς ἵριδος. μαθεῖν δὲ ὕστερον περὶ τοῦ φρέατος, ὡς σανδαρακίνη μὲν εἴη ἡ ὑπ’ αὐτῷ γῆ, ἀπόρρητον δὲ τὸ ὕδωρ ἡγοῦντο, καὶ οὕτε πίνοι τις αὐτὸν οὔτε ἀνασπώῃ, ὅρκιον δὲ νομίζοιτο τῇ πέριξ Ἰνδικῇ πάσῃ. πλησίον δὲ τούτου κρατήρα εἶναι πυρός, οὐ φλόγα ἀναπέμπεσθαι μολυβδώδη, καπνὸν δὲ οὐδένα ἀπ’ αὐτῆς ἀπττειν, οὐδὲ ὁσμὴν οὐδεμίαν, οὐδὲ ὑπερχυθῆναι ποτε ὁ κρατήρος οὗτος, ἀλλ’ ἀναδίδοσθαι τοσοῦτος, ὡς μὴ ὑπερβλύσαι τοῦ βόθρου. ἐνταῦθα Ἰνδοὶ καθαίρονται τῶν ἀκουσίων, ὅθεν οἱ σοφοὶ τὸ μὲν φρέαρ ἐλέγχουν καλοῦσι, τὸ δὲ πῦρ ξυγγνώμης. καὶ διττῷ ἑωρακέναι φασὶ πίθω λίθου μέλανος ὅμβρων τε καὶ ἀνέμων οὗτε. ὁ μὲν δὴ τῶν ὅμβρων, εἰς αὐχμῷ ἡ Ἰνδικὴ πιέζοιτο, ἀνοιχθεὶς νεφέλας ἀναπέμπει καὶ ὑγραίνει τὴν γῆν πᾶσαν, εἰ δὲ ὅμβροι πλεονεκτοίεν, ἵσχει αὐτοὺς ξυγκλειόμενος, ὁ δὲ τῶν ἀνέμων πίθος ταῦτόν, οἷμαι, τῷ τοῦ Αἰόλου ἀσκῷ πράττει, παρανοιγούντες γὰρ τὸν πίθον ἔνα τῶν ἀνέμων ἀνιᾶσιν ἐμπνεῖν ὥρᾳ,

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XIV

APOLLONIUS says that he himself ascended mostly CHAP.
on the south side of the ridge, following the Indian, XIV
and that the first thing he saw was a well four of testing
fathoms deep, above the mouth of which there rose a
sheen of deep blue light ; and at midday when the
sun was stationary about it, the sheen of light was
always drawn up on high by the rays, and in its
ascent assumed the look of a glowing rainbow. But
he learnt afterwards that the soil underneath the
well was composed of realgar, but that they regarded
the water as holy and mysterious, and no one either
drank it or drew it up, but it was regarded by the
whole land of India all around as binding in oaths.
And near this there was a crater, he says, of fire,
which sent up a lead-coloured flame, though it
emitted no smoke or any smell, nor did this crater
ever overflow, but emitted just matter enough not to
bubble over the edges of the pit. It is here that
the Indians purify themselves of involuntary sins,
wherefore the sages call the well, the well of testing,
and the fire, the fire of pardon. And they say that
they saw there two jars of black stone, of the rains
and of the winds respectively. The jar of the rains,
they say, is opened in case the land of India is
suffering from drought, and sends up clouds to
moisten the whole country ; but if the rains should
be in excess they are stopped by the jar being shut
up. But the jar of the winds plays, I imagine, the
same rôle as the bag of Aeolus : for when they open
this jar ever so little, they let out one of the winds,
which creates a seasonable breeze by which the
The jars of
wind and
rain

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CAP. κάντεῦθεν ἡ γῆ ἔρρωται. θεῶν δὲ ἀγάλμασιν
XIV ἐντυχεῖν φασιν, εἰ μὲν Ἰνδοῖς ἡ Αἰγυπτίοις,
θαῦμα οὐδέν, τὰ δέ γε ἀρχαιότατα τῶν παρ'
"Ελλησι, τό τε τῆς Ἀθηνᾶς τῆς Πολιάδος καὶ τὸ
τοῦ Ἀπόλλωνος τοῦ Δηλίου καὶ τὸ τοῦ Διονύσου
τοῦ Λιμναίου καὶ τὸ τοῦ Ἀμυκλαίου, καὶ ὅπόσα
ῳδε ἀρχαῖα, ταῦτα ἰδρύεσθαι τε τοὺς Ἰνδοὺς
τούτους καὶ νομίζειν Ἐλληνικοῖς ἥθεσι, φασὶ δ'
οἴκεῖν τὰ μέσα τῆς Ἰνδικῆς. καὶ τὸν ὄχθον ὁμφα-
λὸν ποιοῦνται τοῦ λόφου τούτου, πῦρ τε ἐπ' αὐτοῦ
ὄργιάζουσιν, ὃ φασιν ἐκ τῶν τοῦ ἡλίου ἀκτίνων
αὐτοὶ ἔλκειν τούτῳ καὶ τὸν ὅμνον ἡμέραν ἅπασαν
ἔις μεσημβρίαν ἄδουσιν.

XV

CAP. 'Οποῖοι μὲν δὴ καὶ οἱ ἄνδρες καὶ ὅπως οἰκοῦντες
XV τὸν ὄχθον, αὐτὸς ὁ ἀνὴρ δίεισιν ἐν μιᾷ γὰρ τῶν
πρὸς Αἰγυπτίους ὁμιλιῶν, "εἶδον," φησίν, "Ἰνδοὺς
Βραχμᾶνας οἰκοῦντας ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς καὶ οὐκ ἐπ'
αὐτῆς, καὶ ἀτειχίστως τετειχισμένους, καὶ οὐδὲν
κεκτημένους ἡ τὰ πάντων." ταυτὶ δὲ ἐκεῖνος μὲν
σοφώτερον ἔγραψεν, ὃ δέ γε Δάμις φησὶ χαμενίᾳ
μὲν αὐτοὺς χρῆσθαι, τὴν γῆν δὲ ὑποστρωνύναι
πόας, ἀς ἀν αὐτοὶ αἱρῶνται, καὶ μετεωροποροῦντας
δὴ ἵδεῖν ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς ἔις πήχεις δύο, οὐ θαυματο-
ποιίας ἔνεκα, τὸ γὰρ φιλότιμον τοῦτο παραιτεῖσθαι

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country is refreshed. And they say that they came upon statues of Gods, and they were not nearly so much astonished at finding Indian or Egyptian Gods as they were by finding the most ancient of the Greek Gods, a statue of Athene Polias and of Apollo of Delos and of Dionysus of Limnae and another of him of Amyclae, and others of similar age. These were set up by these Indians and worshipped with Greek rites. And they say that they are met with in the heart of India. Now they regard the summit of this hill as the navel of the earth, and on it they worship fire with mysterious rites, deriving the fire, according to their own account, from the rays of the sun ; and to the Sun they sing a hymn every day at midday.

CHAP.
XIV
Greek
statues of
the Gods
worshipped
by the sages

XV

APOLLONIUS himself describes the character of these sages and of their settlement upon the hill ; for in one of his addresses to the Egyptians he says, "I saw Indian Brahmans living upon the earth and yet not on it, and fortified without fortifications, and possessing nothing, yet having the riches of all men." He may indeed be thought to have here written with too much subtlety ; but we have anyhow the account of Damis to the effect that they made a practice of sleeping on the ground, and that they strewed the ground with such grass as they might themselves prefer ; and, what is more, he says that he saw them levitating themselves two cubits high from the ground, not for the sake of miraculous display, for they disdain any such ambition ; but they

CHAP.
XV
Levitation
of the
Sages

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. τοὺς ἄνδρας, ἀλλ' ὁπόσα τῷ Ἡλίῳ ξυναπο-
^{XV} βαίνοντες τῆς γῆς δρῶσιν, ώς πρόσφορα τῷ θεῷ
πράττοντας. τό τοι πῦρ, ὃ ἀπὸ τῆς ἀκτῆς
ἐπισπάνται, καίτοι σωματοειδὲς ὅν, οὔτε ἐπὶ βωμοῦ
καίειν αὐτοὺς οὔτε ἐν ἵπνοῖς φυλάττειν, ἀλλ'
ῶσπερ τὰς αὐγάς, αὐτὸν τε ἀνακλῶνται καὶ
ῦδατος, οὕτω μετέωρόν τε ὄρâσθαι αὐτὸν καὶ
σαλεύοντας ἐν τῷ αἰθέρι. τὸν μὲν οὖν δὴ "Ἡλιον ὑπὲρ
τῶν ὡρῶν, ἀς ἐπιτροπεύει αὐτός, ἵν' ἔσται καιρὸν τῇ
γῇ ἰωσταί καὶ ἡ Ἰνδικὴ εὖ πράττη, σύκτωρ δὲ
λιπαροῦσι τὴν ἀκτήνα μὴ ἄχθεσθαι τῇ συκτί,
μένειν δέ, ώς ὑπ' αὐτῶν ἥχθη. τοιούτον μὲν δὴ
τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου τὸ "ἐν τῇ γῇ τε εἰναι τοὺς
Βραχμᾶνας καὶ οὐκ ἐν τῇ γῇ." τὸ δὲ "ἀτειχίστως
τετειχισμένους" δηλοῦ τὸν ἀέρα, ὑφ' ὧ ζῶσιν,
ὑπαίθριοι γὰρ δοκοῦντες αὐλίζεσθαι σκιάν τε
ὑπεραίρουσιν αὐτῶν, καὶ ὕοντος οὐ ψεκάζονται, καὶ
ὑπὸ τῷ ἡλίῳ εἰσίν, ἐπειδὰν αὐτοὶ βούλωνται. τὸ
δὲ "μηδὲν κεκτημένους τὰ πάντων ἔχειν" ὥδε ὁ
Δάμις ἔξηγεῖται πηγαί, ὁπόσαι τοῖς βάκχοις
παρὰ τῆς γῆς ἀναθρώσκουσιν, ἐπειδὰν δὲ Διόνυσος
αὐτοὺς τε καὶ τὴν γῆν σείσῃ, φοιτῶσι καὶ τοῖς
Ἰνδοῖς τούτοις ἐστιώμενοις τε καὶ ἐστιῶσιν
εἰκότως οὖν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος τοὺς μηδὲν μὲν ἐκ
παρασκευῆς, αὐτοσχεδίως δέ, ἀ βούλονται, ποριζο-
μένους, ἔχειν, φησίν, ἀ μὴ ἔχουσιν. κομᾶν δὲ

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regard any rites they perform, in thus quitting earth **CHAP.** XV
and walking with the Sun, as acts of homage

acceptable to the God. Moreover, they neither burn upon an altar nor keep in stoves the fire which

Their extract of sunlight

they extract from the sun's rays, although it is a material fire; but like the rays of sunlight when they

are refracted in water, so this fire is seen raised aloft in the air and dancing in the ether. And further

they pray to the Sun who governs the seasons by his might, that the latter may succeed duly in the land, so that India may prosper; but of a night

they intreat the ray of light not to take the night amiss, but to stay with them just as they have brought it down. Such then was the meaning of

the phrase of Apollonius, that "the Brahmans are upon earth and yet not upon earth." And his

phrase "fortified without fortifications or walls," refers to the air or vapour under which they bivouac,

for though they seem to live in the open air, yet they raise up a shadow and veil themselves in it, so

that they are not made wet when it rains and they enjoy the sunlight whenever they choose.

And the phrase "without possessing anything they had the riches of all men," is thus explained by

Damis: All the springs which the Bacchanals see Their water-springs,

leaping up from the ground under their feet, whenever Dionysus stirs them and earth in a

common convulsion, spring up in plenty for these Indians also when they are entertaining or being entertained.

Apollonius therefore was right in saying that people provided as they are with all they want offhand and without having prepared

anything, possess what they do not possess. And on principle they grow their hair long, as the and costume

CAP. ἐπιτηδεύουσιν, ὥσπερ Λακεδαιμόνιοι πάλαι καὶ
 ξV Θούριοι Ταραντῖνοί τε καὶ Μήλιοι καὶ ὄπόσοις τὰ
 Λακωνικὰ ἦν ἐν λόγῳ, μίτραν τε ἀναδοῦνται
 λευκήν, καὶ γυμνὸν αὐτοῖς βάδισμα καὶ τὴν ἐσ-
 θῆτα ἐσχηματίζοντο παραπλησίως ταῖς ἔξωμίσιν.
 ἡ δὲ ὑλη τῆς ἐσθῆτος ἔριον αὐτοφυὲς ἡ γῆ φύει,
 λευκὸν μὲν ὥσπερ τὸ Παμφύλων, μαλακώτερον δὲ
 τίκτει, ἡ δὲ πιμελὴ οὐλαίον ἀπ' αὐτοῦ λειβέται.
 τοῦτο ἱερὰν ἐσθῆτα ποιοῦνται καὶ εἴ τις ἔτερος
 παρὰ τοὺς Ἰνδοὺς τούτους ἀνασπώῃ αὐτό, οὐ
 μεθίεται ἡ γῆ τοῦ ἔριον. τὴν δὲ ἴσχὺν τοῦ
 δακτυλίου καὶ τῆς ράβδου, ἢ φορεῦν αὐτοὺς ἅμφω,
 δύνασθαι μὲν πάντα, δύω δὲ ἀρρήτω τετιμῆσθαι.

XVI

CAP. Προσιόντα δὲ τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον οἱ μὲν ἄλλοι
 XVI σοφοὶ προσήγοντο, ἀσπαζόμενοι ταῖς χερσὶν, ὁ δὲ
 Ἰάρχας ἐκάθητο μὲν ἐπὶ δίφρου ὑψηλοῦ—χαλκοῦ
 δὲ μελανος ἦν καὶ πεποίκιλτο χρυσοῖς ἀγάλμασιν,
 οἱ δὲ τῶν ἄλλων δίφροι χαλκοῖ μέν, ἄσημοι δὲ
 ἡσαν, ὑψηλοὶ δὲ ἡττον, ὑπεκάθηντο γὰρ τῷ Ἰάρχᾳ
 —τὸν δὲ Ἀπολλώνιον ἰδὼν φωνῇ τε ἡσπάσατο
 Ἐλλάδι καὶ τὰ τοῦ Ἰνδοῦ γράμματα ἀπήτει.
 Θαυμάσαντος δὲ τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου τὴν πρόγνωσιν
 καὶ γράμμα γε ἐν ἔφῃ λείπειν τῇ ἐπιστολῇ, δέλτα
 εἰπών, παρῆλθε γὰρ αὐτὸν γράφοντα· καὶ ἔφάνη

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Lacedaemonians did of old and the people of CHAP.
Thurium and Tarentum, as well as the Melians and XV
all who set store by the fashions of Sparta; and they bind a white turban on their heads, and their feet are naked for walking, and they cut their garments to resemble the *exomis*.¹ But the material of which they make their raiment is a wool that springs wild from the ground, white like that of the Pamphylians, though it is of softer growth, and a grease like olive oil distils from off it. This is what they make their sacred vesture of, and if anyone else except these Indians tries to pluck it up, the earth refuses to surrender its wool. And they all carry both a ring and a staff of which the peculiar virtues can effect all things; and the one and the other, so we learn, are prized as secrets.

XVI

WHEN Apollonius approached, the rest of the CHAP.
sages welcomed him and shook hands; but Iarchas XVI
sat down on a high stool—and this was of black
copper and chased with golden figures, while the
seats of the others were of copper, but plain and not
so high, for they sat lower down than Iarchas—and
when he saw Apollonius, Iarchas greeted him in the
Greek tongue and asked for the Indian's letter.
And as Apollonius showed astonishment at his
gift of prescience, he took pains to add that a single
letter was missing in the epistle, namely a *delta*,
which had escaped the writer; and this was found

¹ An overmantle leaving one arm and shoulder bare. Buddhist monks still wear a similar garment. The so-called wool was asbestos.

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. CAP. τοῦτο ὡδε ἔχον. ἀναγνοὺς δὲ τὴν ἐπιστολήν,
XVI “πῶς,” ἔφη, “ὦ Ἀπολλώνιε, περὶ ἡμῶν φρονεῖτε;”
“πῶς,” εἶπεν, “ἢ ὡς δῆλοῖ τὸ ὑμῶν ἔνεκα ἥκειν με
όδόν, ἢν μήπω τις τῶν ὅθεν περ ἐγὼ ἀνθρώπων;”
“τί δὲ ἡμᾶς πλέον οἰει σαυτοῦ γιγνώσκειν;”
“ἐγὼ μέν,” εἶπε, “σοφώτερά τε ἡγούμαι τὰ ὑμέ-
τερα καὶ πολλῷ θειότερα. εἰ δὲ μηδὲν πλέον ὡν
οἴδα παρ' ὑμῖν εὑροιμι, μεμαθηκὼς ἀν εἴην καὶ τὸ
μηκέτ' ἔχειν ὃ τι μάθοιμι.” ὑπολαβὼν οὖν ὁ
Ἰνδός, “οἱ μὲν ἄλλοι,” ἔφη, “τοὺς ἀφικνουμένους
ἐρωτῶσι, ποταποί τε ἥκουσι καὶ ἐφ' ὃ τι, ἡμᾶν
δὲ σοφίας ἐπίδειξιν πρώτην ἔχει τὸ μὴ ἀγνοῆσαι
τὸν ἥκουτα. ἔλεγχε δὲ πρῶτον τοῦτο.” καὶ
εἰπὼν ταῦτα πατρόθεν τε διήει τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον
καὶ μητρόθεν, καὶ τὰ ἐν Αἴγαις πάντα, καὶ ὡς
προσῆλθεν αὐτῷ ὁ Δάμις, καὶ, εἰ δή τι ἐσπούδασαν
όδοιποροῦντες ἢ σπουδάζοντος ἐτέρου εἰδον, πάντα
ταῦθ' ὡσπερ κοινωνήσας αὐτοῖς τῆς ἀποδημίας ὁ
Ἰνδὸς ἀπνευστί τε καὶ σαφῶς εἰρευ. ἐκπλαγέντος
δὲ τοῦ Ἀπολλώνιου καὶ ὀπόθεν εἰδείη, ἐπερομένου,
“καὶ σὺ μέτοχος,” ἔφη, “τῆς σοφίας ταύτης ἥκεις,
ἄλλ' οὕπω πάσης.” “διδάξῃ οὖν με,” ἔφη, τὸν
σοφίαν πᾶσαν;” “καὶ ἀφθόνως γέ,” εἶπε, “τουτὶ^{γάρ} σοφώτερον τοῦ βασκαίνειν τε καὶ κρύπτειν τὰ
σπουδῆς ἄξια, καὶ ἄλλως, Ἀπολλώνιε, μεστόν σε

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to be the case. Then having read the epistle, he CHAP said : " What do you think of us, O Apollonius ? " XVI
" Why," replied the latter, " how can you ask, when it is sufficiently shown by the fact that I have taken a journey to see you which was never till now accomplished by any of the inhabitants of my country." " And what do you think we know more than yourself ? " " I," replied the other, " consider that your lore is profounder and much more divine than our own ; and if I add nothing to my present stock of knowledge while I am with you, I shall at least have learned that I have nothing more to learn." Thereupon the Indian replied and said : " Other people ask those who arrive among them, who they are that come, and why, but the first display we make of our wisdom consists in showing that we are not ignorant who it is that comes. And you may test this point to begin with." And to suit his word he forthwith recounted the whole story of Apollonius' family both on his father's and his mother's side, and he related all his life in Aegae, and how Damis had joined him, and any conversations that they had had on the road, and anything they had found out through the conversation of others with them. All this, just as if he had shared their voyage with them, the Indian recounted straight off, quite clearly and without pausing for breath. And when Apollonius was astounded and asked him how he came to know it all, he replied : " And you too are come to share in this wisdom, but you are not yet an adept." " Will you teach me, then," said the other, " all this wisdom ? " " Aye, and gladly, for that is a wiser course than grudging and hiding matters of interest ; and moreover, O Apollonius, I

Prescience
of the
Brahmans

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CAP. ὁρῶ τῆς μνημοσύνης, ην ἡμεῖς μάλιστα θεῶν
XVI ἀγαπῶμεν.” “ἡ γὰρ καθεώρακας,” εἶπεν, “ὅπως
πέφυκα;” “ἡμεῖς,” ἔφη, “ὦ Ἀπολλώνιε, πάντα
ὅρῶμεν τὰ τῆς ψυχῆς εἴδη, ξυμβόλοις αὐτὰ μυρίοις
ἔξιχνεύοντες. ἀλλ’ ἐπεὶ μεσημβρίᾳ πλησίον καὶ
τὰ πρόσφορα τοῖς θεοῖς χρὴ παρασκευάσαι, νῦν
μὲν ταῦτ’ ἐκπονῶμεν, μετὰ ταῦτα δέ, ὅπόσα
βούλει, διαλεγώμεθα, παρατύγχανε δὲ πᾶσι τοῖς
δρωμένοις.” “νὴ Δὲ,” εἶπεν, “ἀδικοίην ἀν τὸν
Καύκασον καὶ τὸν Ἰνδόν, οὓς ὑπερβὰς δι’ ὑμᾶς
ἥκω, εἰ μὴ πάντων ἐμφοροίμην ὡν δρώητε.”
“Ἐμφοροῦ,” ἔφη, “καὶ ἴωμεν.”

XVII

CAP. Ἐλθόντες οὖν ἐπὶ πηγήν τινα ὕδατος, ην φησιν
XVII ὁ Δάμις ἵδων ὕστερον ἐοικέναι τῇ ἐν Βοιωτοῖς
Δίρκῃ, πρῶτα μὲν ἐγυμνώθησαν, εἴτα ἐχρίσαντο
τὰς κεφαλὰς ἡλεκτρώδει φαρμάκῳ, τὸ δὲ οὕτω
τι τοὺς Ἰνδοὺς ἔθαλπεν, ώς ἀτμίζειν τὸ σῶμα
καὶ τὸν ἰδρῶτα χωρεῖν ἀστακτί, καθάπερ τῶν
πυρὶ λουομένων, εἴτα ἔρριψαν ἑαυτοὺς ἐς τὸ
ὕδωρ, καὶ λουσάμενοι ὥδε πρὸς τὸ ἱερὸν ἐβάδιξον,
ἐστεφανωμένοι καὶ μεστοὶ τοῦ ὕμνου. περι-
στάντες δὲ ἐν χοροῦ σχήματι καὶ κορυφαῖον
ποιησάμενοι τὸν Ἰάρχαν ὄρθαῖς ταῖς ῥάβδοις
τὴν γῆν ἐπληξαν, η δὲ κυρτωθεῖσα δίκην κύματος

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perceive that you are well endowed with memory, a CHAP.
goddess whom we love more than any other of the XVI
divine beings." "Well," said the other, "you have
certainly discerned by your penetration my exact
disposition." "We," said the other, "O Apollonius,
can see all spiritual traits, for we trace and detect
them by a thousand signs. But as it is nearly mid-
day, and we must get ready our offerings for the
Gods, let us now employ ourselves with that, and
afterwards let us converse as much as you like; but
you must take part in all our religious rites." "By
Zeus," said Apollonius, "I should be wronging the
Caucasus and the Indus, both of which I have
crossed in order to reach you, if I did not enjoy
your rites to the full." "Do so," said the other,
"and let us depart."

XVII

ACCORDINGLY they betook themselves to a spring CHAP.
of water, which Damis, who saw it subsequently, says XVII
resembles that of Dirce in Boeotia; and first they The Sages
stripped, and then they anointed their heads with an bathe
amber-like drug, which imparted such a warmth to
these Indians, that their bodies steamed and the
sweat ran off them as profusely as if they were
washing themselves with fire; next they threw
themselves into the water and, having so taken their
bath, they betook themselves to the temple with
wreaths upon their heads and full of sacred song. And
they stood round in the form of a chorus, and
having chosen Iarchas as conductor they struck the
earth, uplifting their rods, and the earth arched itself
Their
worship
and
levitation

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. άνέπεμψεν αὐτοὺς ἐς δίπηχυ τοῦ ἀέρος. οἱ δὲ
XVII ἥδον φόδήν, ὃποιος ὁ παιὰν ὁ τοῦ Σοφοκλέους,
δὸν Ἀθήνησι τῷ Ἀσκληπιῷ ἄδουσιν. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἐς
τὴν γῆν κατῆραν, καλέσας ὁ Ἰάρχας τὸ μειράκιον
τὸ τὴν ἄγκυραν φέρου, “ἐπιμελήθητι,” ἔφη, “τῶν
Ἀπολλωνίου ἑταίρων.” ὁ δὲ πολλῷ θᾶττον ἡ οἰ
ταχεῖς τῶν ὄρνιθων πορευθείς τε καὶ ἐπανελθών,
“ἐπιμεμέλημαι” ἔφη. Θεραπεύσαντες οὖν τὰ
πολλὰ τῶν ἱερῶν ἀνεπαύοντο ἐν τοῖς θάκοις, ὁ δὲ
Ἰάρχας πρὸς τὸ μειράκιον, “ἔκφερε,” εἶπε, “τῷ
σοφῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ τὸν Φραώτου θρόνον, ἵν’ ἐπ’
αὐτοῦ διαλέγοιτο.”

XVIII

CAP. Ως δὲ ἐκάθισεν, “ἔρώτα,” ἔφη, “ὅ τι βούλει,
XVIII παρ’ ἄνδρας γὰρ ἥκεις πάντα εἰδότας.” ἤρετο οὖν
ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, εἰ καὶ αὐτοὺς ἵσασιν, οἰόμενος
αὐτόν, ὥσπερ “Ελληνες, χαλεπὸν ἡγεῖσθαι τὸ
έαυτὸν γνῶναι, ὁ δὲ ἐπιστρέψας παρὰ τὴν τοῦ
Ἀπολλωνίου δόξαν, “ἡμεῖς,” ἔφη, “πάντα γιγνώ-
σκομεν, ἐπειδὴ πρώτους ἔαυτοὺς γιγνώσκομεν, οὐ
γὰρ ἀν προσέλθοι τις ἡμῶν τῇ φιλοσοφίᾳ ταύτῃ
μὴ πρῶτον εἰδὼς ἔαυτόν.” ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος
ἀναμυησθεὶς ὧν τοῦ Φραώτου ἥκουσε, καὶ ὅπως ὁ
φιλοσοφήσειν μέλλων ἔαυτὸν βασανίσας ἐπιχειρεῖ,
τούτῳ ξυνεχώρησε τῷ λόγῳ, τουτὶ γὰρ καὶ περὶ
ἔαυτοῦ ἐπέπειστο. πάλιν οὖν ἤρετο, τίνας αὐτοὺς

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like a billow of the sea and raised them up two cubits CHAP.
high into the air. But they sang a song resembling XVII
the paean of Sophocles which they sing at Athens in honour of Asclepius. But when they had alighted upon the ground, Iarchas called the stripling who carried the anchor and said : "Do you look after the companions of Apollonius." And he went off swifter than the quickest of the birds, and coming back again said : "I have looked after them." Having fulfilled then the most of their religious rites, they sat down to rest upon their seats, but Iarchas said to the stripling : "Bring out the throne of Phraotes for the wise Apollonius that he may sit upon it to converse with us."

XVIII

AND when he had taken his seat, he said : "Ask whatever you like, for you find yourself among people who know everything." Apollonius then asked him whether they knew themselves also, thinking that he, like the Greeks, would regard self-knowledge as a difficult matter. But the other, contrary to Apollonius' expectations, corrected him and said : "We know everything, just because we begin by knowing ourselves; for no one of us would be admitted to this philosophy unless he first knew himself." And Apollonius remembered what he had heard Phraotes say, and how he who would become a philosopher must examine himself before he undertakes the task; and he therefore acquiesced in this answer, for he was convinced of its truth in his own case also. He accordingly asked a fresh question,

CHAP.
XVIII

The Sages
discuss self-
knowledge

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. XVIII ἥγοντο, ὁ δέ, “θεούς,” εἶπεν, ἐπερομένου δὲ αὐτοῦ,
διὰ τί, “ὅτι,” ἔφη, “ἀγαθοί ἐσμεν ἀνθρωποι.”
τοῦτο τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ τοσαύτης ἔδοξεν εὐπαι-
δευσίας εἶναι μεστόν, ὡς εἰπεῖν αὐτὸς καὶ πρὸς
Δομετιανὸν ὕστερον ἐν τοῖς ὑπὲρ ἑαυτοῦ λόγοις.

XIX

CAP. XIX Ἀναλαβὼν οὖν τὴν ἐρώτησιν, “περὶ ψυχῆς δέ,”
εἶπε, “πῶς φρουρεῖτε;” “ὦ γε,” εἶπε, “Πυθαγόρας
μὲν ὑμᾶν, ἡμεῖς δὲ Αἰγυπτίοις παρεδώκαμεν.”
“εἴποις ἀν οὐν,” ἔφη, “καθάπερ ὁ Πυθαγόρας
Εὔφορβον ἑαυτὸν ἀπέφηνεν, ὅτι καὶ σύ, πρὶν ἐς
τοῦθ’ ἤκειν τὸ σῶμα, Τρώων τις ἡ Ἀχαιῶν ἡσθα
ἡ ὁ δεῖνα;” ὁ δὲ Ἰνδός, “Τροία μὲν ἀπώλετο,”
εἶπεν, “ὑπὸ τῶν πλευσάντων Ἀχαιῶν τότε, ὑμᾶς
δὲ ἀπολωλέκασιν οἱ ἐπ’ αὐτῇ λόγοι· μόνους γὰρ
ἄνδρας ἥγονύμενοι τοὺς ἐς Τροίαν στρατεύσαντας,
ἀμελεῖτε πλειόνων τε καὶ θειοτέρων ἄνδρων, οὓς ἡ
τε ὑμετέρα γῆ καὶ ἡ Αἰγυπτίων καὶ ἡ Ἰνδῶν
ἥνεγκεν. ἐπεὶ τοίνυν ἥρου με περὶ τοῦ προτέρου
σώματος, εἰπέ μοι, τίνα θαυμασιώτερον ἥγη τῶν
ἐπὶ Τροίαν τε καὶ ὑπὲρ Τροίας ἐλθόντων;” “ἐγώ,”
ἔφη, “Ἀχιλλέα τὸν Πηλέως τε καὶ Θέτιδος,
οὗτος γὰρ δὴ κάλλιστός τε εἶναι τῷ Ὁμήρῳ
ὑμνητας καὶ παρὰ πάντας τοὺς Ἀχαιοὺς μέγας,

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namely, who they considered themselves to be ; and CHAP.
the other answered " We consider ourselves to be XVIII
Gods." Apollonius asked afresh : " Why ? " " Because,"
said the other, " we are good men." This reply
struck Apollonius as so instinct with trained good
sense, that he subsequently mentioned it to Domitian
in his defence of himself.

XIX

He therefore resumed his questions and said : CHAP.
" And what view do you take of the soul ? " " That," XIX
replied the other, " which Pythagoras imparted to you, and which we imparted to the Egyptians." The trans-migration of souls
" Would you then say," said Apollonius, " that, as Pythagoras declared himself to be Euphorbus, so you yourself, before you entered your present body, were one of the Trojans or Achaeans or someone else ? " And the Indian replied : " Those Achaean sailors were the ruin of Troy, and your talking so much about it is the ruin of you Greeks. For you imagine that the campaigners against Troy were the only heroes that ever were, and you forget other heroes both more numerous and more divine, whom your own country and that of the Egyptians and that of the Indians have produced. Since then you have asked me about my earlier incarnation, tell me, whom you regard as the most remarkable of the assailants or defenders of Troy." " I," replied Apollonius, " regard Achilles, the son of Peleus and Thetis, as such, for he and no other is celebrated by Homer as excelling all the Achaeans in personal

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CAP. ἔργα τε αὐτοῦ μεγάλα οἶδε. καὶ μεγάλων ἀξιῶν
XIX τοὺς Αἴαντάς τε καὶ Νιρέας, οἱ μετ' ἐεκίνουν καλοί
τε αὐτῷ καὶ γενναῖοι ἄδονται.” “πρὸς τούτον,”
ἔφη, “Ἀπολλώνιε, καὶ τὸν πρόγονον θεώρει τὸν
ἐμάν, μᾶλλον δὲ τὸ πρόγονον σῶμα, τουτὶ γὰρ καὶ
Πυθαγόρας Εὐφορβον ἤγειτο.

XX

CAP. Ἡν τοίνυν,” ἔφη, “χρόνος, δτ' Αἰθίοπες μὲν
XX φύκουν ἐνταῦθα, γένος Ἰνδικόν, Αἰθιοπία δ' οὔπω
ἡν, ἀλλ' ὑπὲρ Μερόην τε καὶ Καταδούπους ὥριστο
Αἴγυπτος, αὐτὴ καὶ τὰς πηγὰς τοῦ Νείλου
παρεχομένη καὶ τὰς ἐκβολαῖς ξυναπολήγουσα.
διν μὲν δὴ χρόνον φύκουν ἐνταῦθα οἱ Αἰθίοπες
ὑποκείμενοι βασιλεῖ Γάγγη, ἡ τε γῆ ἀύτοὺς
ίκανῶς ἐφερβε καὶ οἱ θεοὶ σφῶν ἐπεμελοῦντο, ἐπεὶ
δὲ ἀπέκτειναν τὸν βασιλέα τούτον, οὔτε τοῖς
ἄλλοις Ἰνδοῖς καθαρὸν ἔδοξαν, οὔτε ἡ γῆ
ξυνεχώρει αὐτοῖς ἵστασθαι, τὴν τε γὰρ σποράν,
ἥν ἐις αὐτὴν ἐποιοῦντο, πρὶν ἐις κάλυκα ἥκειν,
ἔφθειρε, τούς τε τῶν γυναικῶν τόκους ἀτελεῖς
ἐποίει, καὶ τὰς ἀγέλας πονήρως ἐβοσκε, πόλιν
τε δποι βάλοιντο, ὑπεδίδουν ἡ γῆ καὶ ὑπεχώρει
κάτω. καὶ γάρ τι καὶ φάσμα τοῦ Γάγγου
προϊόντας αύτοὺς ἥλαυνεν ἐνταραττόμενον τῷ
όμιλῳ, δ οὐ πρότερον ἀνῆκε, πρὶν γε δὴ τοὺς
αὐθέντας καὶ τοὺς τὸ αἷμα χερσὶ πράξαντας τῇ

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beauty and size, and he knows of mighty deeds of his. And he also rates very highly such men as Ajax and Nireus, who were only second to him in beauty and courage, and are celebrated as such in his poems." "With him," said the other, "O Apollonius, I would have you compare my own ancestor, or rather my ancestral body, for that was the light in which Pythagoras regarded Euphorbus.

CHAP.
XIX

XX

"**THERE** was then," he said, "a time when the Ethiopians, an Indian race, dwelt in this country, and when Ethiopia as yet was not: but Egypt stretched its border beyond Meroe and the cataracts, and on the one side included in itself the fountains of the Nile, and on the other was only bounded by the mouths of the river. Well, at that time of which I speak, the Ethiopians lived here, and were subject to King Ganges, and the land was sufficient for their sustenance, and the gods watched over them; but when they slew this king, neither did the rest of the Indians regard them as pure, nor did the land permit them to remain upon it; for it spoiled the seed which they sowed in it before it came into ear, and it inflicted miscarriages on their women, and it gave a miserable feed to their flocks; and wherever they tried to found a city, it would give way and sink down under their feet. Nay more, the ghost of Ganges drove them forward on their path and struck terror into their multitude, and it did not quit them until they atoned to earth by sacrificing

CHAP.
XX
*Tale of the
expulsion
of the
Ethiopians
from India*

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. γῇ καθιέρευσαν. ἡν δὲ ἄρα ὁ Γάγγης οὗτος
XX δεκάπτηχυς μὲν τὸ μῆκος, τὴν δὲ ὥραν οἷος οὕπω
τις ἀνθρώπων, ποταμοῦ δὲ Γάγγου παῖς· τὸν δὲ
πατέρα τὸν ἑαυτοῦ τὴν Ἰνδικὴν ἐπικλύζοντα
αὐτὸς ἐς τὴν Ἐρυθρὰν ἔτρεψε, καὶ διήλλαξεν
αὐτὸν τῇ γῇ, ὅθεν ἡ γῇ ξῶντι μὲν ἄφθονα ἔφερεν,
ἀποθανόντι δὲ ἔτιμώρει. ἐπεὶ δὲ τὸν Ἀχιλλέα
"Ομηρὸς ἄγει μὲν ὑπὲρ Ἐλένης ἐς Τροίαν, φησὶ δὲ
αὐτὸν δώδεκα μὲν πόλεις ἐκ θαλάττης ἥρηκέναι,
πεζῇ δὲ ἔνδεκα, γυναικά τε ὑπὸ τοῦ βασιλέως
ἄφαιρεθέντα ἐς μῆνιν ἀπενεχθῆναι, ὅτε δὴ ἀτερά-
μονα καὶ ὡμὸν δόξαι, σκεψώμεθα τὸν Ἰνδὸν πρὸς
ταῦτα· πόλεων μὲν τοίνυν ἔξηκοντα οἰκιστής
ἐγένετο, αἴπερ εἰσὶ δοκιμώτατοι τῶν τῆδε—τὸ δὲ
πορθεῖν πόλεις ὅστις εὐκλεέστερον ἥγεῖται τοῦ
ἀνοικίζειν πόλιν οὐκ ἔστι—Σκύθας δὲ τοὺς ὑπὲρ
Καύκασόν ποτε στρατεύσαντας ἐπὶ τήνδε τὴν γῆν
ἀπεώσατο. τὸ δὲ ἐλευθεροῦντα τὴν ἑαυτοῦ γῆν
ἄνδρα ἀγαθὸν φαίνεσθαι πολλῷ βέλτιον τοῦ
δουλείαν ἐπάγειν πόλει, καὶ ταῦθ' ὑπὲρ γυναικός,
ἥν εἰκὸς μηδὲ ἀκουσαν ἥρπάσθαι. ξυμμαχίας δὲ
αὐτῷ γενομένης πρὸς τὸν ἄρχοντα τῆς χώρας, ἡς
νῦν Φραώτης ἄρχει, κάκείνου παραινομώτατά τε
καὶ ἀσελγέστατα γυναικα ἀφελομένου αὐτόν, οὐ
παρέλυσε τοὺς ὄρκους, οὕτω βεβαίως ὁμωμοκέναι
φήσας, ὡς μηδὲ ὄπότε ἥδικεῖτο λυπεῖν αὐτόν.

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the murderers who had shed the king's blood with CHAP.
their hands. Now this Ganges it seems, was ten ^{XX}
cubits high, and in personal beauty excelled any King
man the world had yet seen, and he was the son of
the river Ganges; and when his own father
inundated India, he himself turned the flood into the
Red Sea, and effected a reconciliation between his
father and the land, with the result that the latter
brought forth fruits in abundance for him when
living, and also avenged him after death. And since
Homer brings Achilles to Troy in Helen's behalf,
and relates how he took twelve cities by sea and
eleven on land, and how he was carried away by wrath
because he had been robbed of a woman by the king,
on which occasion, in my opinion, he shewed himself
merciless and cruel, let us contrast the Indian in
similar circumstances. He on the contrary set himself
to found sixty cities, which are the most considerable
of those hereabouts—and I would like to know who
would regard the destruction of cities as a better
title to fame than the rebuilding of them—and he
also repulsed the Scythians who once invaded this
land across the Caucasus. Surely it is better to
prove yourself a good man by liberating your country
than to bring slavery upon a city, and that too in
behalf of a woman who probably was never carried
off even against her will. And as he had formed an
alliance with the king of the country, over which
Phraotes now rules, although that other had violated
every law and principle of morality by carrying off
his wife, he yet did not break his oath, and so stable,
he said, was his pledged word, that, in spite of the
injury he had suffered, he would not do anything to
harm that other.

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

XXI

CAP.
XXI "Καὶ πλείω διήσειν ἀν τοῦ ἀνδρός, εἰ μὴ ἐσ ἔπαι-
νον ὥκνουν ἑαυτοῦ καθίστασθαι, εἰμὶ γάρ σοι
ἐκεῖνος, τουτὶ δὲ ἐδήλωσα γεγονὼς ἔτη τέτταρα·
ἔπτὰ γάρ ποτε ἀδαμάντινα τοῦ Γάγγου τούτου
ξίφη ἐσ γῆν πήξαντος, ὑπὲρ τοῦ μηδὲν δεῖμα
ἐμπελάζειν τῇ χώρᾳ, καὶ τῶν θεῶν θύειν μὲν
κελευόντων ἥκοντας, οὐ πέπηγε ταῦτα, τὸ δὲ
χωρίον οὐκ ἐξηγουμένων, ἐν φέρεπήγει, παῖς ἐγὼ
κομιδῇ τυγχάνων ἤγαγον τοὺς ἐξηγητὰς ἐπὶ τάφ-
ρον καὶ ὄρύττειν προσέταξα, ἐκεῖ φήσας κατ-
τεθεῖσθαι αὐτά.

XXII

CAP.
XXII "Καὶ μήπω θαυμάσης τούμον, εἰ ἐξ Ἰνδοῦ
ἐσ Ἰνδὸν διεδόθην οὗτος γὰρ," δείξας τι μει-
ράκιον εἴκοσί που γεγονὸς ἔτη, "πέφυκε μὲν
πρὸς φιλοσοφίαν ὑπὲρ πάντας ἀνθρώπους, ἔρρω-
ται δέ, ως ὁρᾶς, καὶ κατεσκεύασται γενναίως τὸ
σῶμα, καρτερεῖ δὲ πῦρ καὶ τομὴν πᾶσαν, καὶ
τοιόσδε ὧν ἀπεχθάνεται τῇ φιλοσοφίᾳ." "τί
οὖν," εἶπεν, "ὦ Ἱάρχα, τὸ μειρακίον πάθος; δει-
νὸν γὰρ λέγεις, εἰ ἔνυτεταγμένος οὕτως ὑπὸ τῆς
φύσεως μὴ ἀσπάζεται τὴν φιλοσοφίαν, μηδὲ ἐρά-
τοῦ μανθάνειν, καὶ ταῦτα ὑμῖν ἔνυν." "οὐ ἔν-
εστιν," εἶπεν, "ἀλλ' ὥσπερ οἱ λέοντες, ἄκων

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XXI

“**A**ND I could enumerate many more merits of this great man, if I did not shrink from pronouncing a panegyric upon myself; for I may tell you I am the person in question, as I clearly proved when I was four years old. For this Ganges on one occasion fixed seven swords made of adamant in the earth, to prevent any monster approaching our country; now the gods ordered us to go and offer a sacrifice where he had implanted these weapons, though without indicating the spot where he had fixed them. I was a mere child, and yet I led the interpreters of their will to a trench, and told them to dig there, for it was there I said that they had been laid.

CHAP.
XXI
Ganges
reincar-
nated in
Phraotes

XXII

“**A**ND you must not be surprised at my transformation from one Indian to another; for here is one,” and he pointed to a stripling of about twenty years of age, “ who in natural aptitude for philosophy excels everyone, and he enjoys good health as you see, and is furnished with an excellent constitution; moreover he can endure fire and all sorts of cutting and wounding, yet in spite of all these advantages he detests philosophy.” “What then,” said Apollonius, “O Iarchas, is the matter with the youth? For it is a terrible thing you tell me, if one so well adapted by nature to the pursuit refuses to embrace philosophy, and has no love for learning, and that although he lives with you.” “He does not live

CHAP.
XXII
A reincar-
nation of
Palamedes

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. εἰληπται, καὶ καθείρκται μέν, ὑποβλέπει δὲ ἡμῶν
XXII τιθασευόντων αὐτὸν καὶ καταψώντων. γέγονε
μὲν οὖν τὸ μειράκιον τοῦτο Παλαμήδης ὁ ἐν
Τροίᾳ, κέχρηται δὲ ἐναντιωτάτοις Ὁδυσσεῖ καὶ
Ὀμήρῳ, τῷ μὲν ξυνθέντι ἐπ' αὐτὸν τέχνας, ὑφ'
ῶν κατελιθώθη, τῷ δὲ οὐδὲ ἔπους αὐτὸν ἀξιώ-
σαντι. καὶ ἐπειδὴ μήθ' ἡ σοφία αὐτόν τι, ἦν εἶχεν,
ῶνησε, μήτε Ὀμῆρου ἐπαινέτου ἔτυχεν, ὑφ' οὐ
πολλοὶ καὶ τῶν μὴ πάνυ σπουδαίων ἐς ὅνομα
ἢ χθησαν, Ὁδυσσέως τε ἥττητο ἀδικῶν οὐδέν, δια-
βέβληται πρὸς φιλοσοφίαν καὶ ὀλοφύρεται τὸ
ἐαυτοῦ πάθος. ἔστι δὲ οὗτος Παλαμήδης, ὃς καὶ
γράφει μὴ μαθὼν γράμματα.”

XXIII

CAP.
XXIII Τοιαῦτα διαλεγομένων προσελθὼν τῷ Ἰάρχᾳ
ἄγγελος, “ὁ βασιλεύς,” ἔφη, “περὶ δεῖλην πρώτην
ἀφίξεται, ξυνεσόμενος ὑμῖν περὶ τῶν ἑαυτοῦ
πραγμάτων.” ὁ δέ, “ἡκέτω,” εἶπε, “καὶ γὰρ ἀν
καὶ βελτίων ἀπέλθοι γνοὺς ἄνδρα Ἐλληνα.” καὶ
εἰπὼν ταῦτα πάλιν τοῦ προτέρου λόγου εἶχετο.
ἥρετο οὖν τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον, “σὺ δ' ἀν εἴποις,”
ἔφη, “τὸ πρῶτον σῶμα καὶ ὅστις πρὸ τοῦ νῦν
ἡσθα;” ὁ δὲ εἶπεν, “ἐπειδὴ ἄδοξον ἦν μοι ἐκεῖνο,
ὅλιγα αὐτοῦ μέμνημαι.” ὑπολαβὼν οὖν ὁ Ἰάρχας,

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with us," replied the other, "but he has been caught like a lion against his will and confined here, but he looks askance at us when we try to domesticate him and caress him. The truth is this stripling was once Palamedes of Troy, and he found his bitterest enemies in Odysseus and Homer; for the one laid an ambush against him of people by whom he was stoned to death, while the other denied him any place in his Epic; and because neither the wisdom with which he was endowed was of any use to him, nor did he meet with any praise from Homer, to whom nevertheless many people of no great importance owe their renown, and because he was outwitted by Odysseus in spite of his innocence, he has conceived an aversion to philosophy, and deplores his ill-luck. And he is Palamedes, for indeed he can write without having learned his letters."

XXIII

WHILE they were thus conversing, a messenger approached Iarchas and said: "The King will come early in the afternoon to consult you about his own business." And Iarchas replied: "Let him come, for he too will go away all the better for making the acquaintance of a man of Hellas." And after saying this, he went on with his former discourse. He accordingly asked Apollonius the question: "Will you tell us," he said, "about your earlier incarnation, and who you were before the present life?" And he replied: "Since it was an ignoble episode, I do not remember much about it." Iarchas therefore took him up and said: "Then you

CHAP.
XXIII

Apollonius
relates his
former life

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. "είτα ἄδοξον," ἔφη, "ἡγῆ τὸ γενέσθαι κυβερνήτης
XXIII Αἰγύπτιας νεώς; τουτὶ γάρ σε ὄρῳ γεγονότα."
"ἀληθῆ μέν," εἶπεν, "λέγεις, ὡς Ἰάρχα, τουτὶ γὰρ
ἀτεχνῶς ἐγενόμην, ἥγοῦμαι δὲ αὐτὸς οὐκ ἄδοξον
μόνον, ἀλλὰ καὶ καταβεβλημένον, καὶ τοσούτου
μὲν ἄξιον τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, ὅσου περ τὸ ἄρχειν καὶ
τὸ στρατοῦ ἥγεῖσθαι, κακῶς δὲ ἀκοῦον ὑπὸ τῶν
καθαπτομένων τῆς θαλάττης. τὸ γοῦν γενναιότα-
τον τῶν ἐμοὶ πραχθέντων οὐδὲ ἐπαίνου τις ἥξισε
τότε." "τί δὲ δὴ γενναιῶν εἰργάσθαι φήσεις ἢ τὸ
περιβεβληκέναι Μαλέαν τε καὶ Σούνιον χαλινώσας
ἐκφερομένην τὴν ίναῦν, καὶ τὸ κατὰ πρύμναν τε καὶ
πρφραν τῶν ἀνέμων, ὃπόθεν ἐκδοθήσονται, σαφῶς
διεγνωκέναι, ἔρμάτων τε ὑπεράραι τὸ σκάφος ἐν
Εὐβοίᾳ κοίλῃ, οὐπερ πολλὰ τῶν ἀκρωτηρίων
ἀναπέπηγεν;"

XXIV

CAP. "Ο δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος "ἐπεί με," εἶπεν, "ἐς κυβ-
ερνητικὸν ἐμβιβάζεις λόγον, ἀκουε, ὃ δοκῶ μοι τότε
ὑγιῶς πρᾶξαι· τὴν θάλαττάν ποτε τῶν Φοινίκων
λησταὶ ὑπεκάθηντο, καὶ ἐφοίτων περὶ τὰς πόλεις
ἀναμανθάνοντες τίς τι ἄγοι. κατιδόντες οὖν ἐμπορ-
ίαν λαμπρὰν τῆς νεώς, οἱ τῶν ληστῶν πρόξενοι
διελέγοντό μοι ἀπολαβόντες με, πόσον τι μεθέξοιμι
τοῦ ναύλου, ἐγὼ δὲ χιλίων ἔφην, ἐπειδὴ τέτταρες

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think it ignoble to have been the pilot of an Egyptian vessel, for I perceive that this is what you were?" "What you say," said Apollonius, "is true, Iarchas; for that is really what I was; but I consider this profession not only inglorious but also detestable, and though of as much value to humanity as that of a prince or the leader of an army, nevertheless it bears an evil repute by reason of those who follow the sea; at any rate the most noble of the deeds which I performed no one at the time saw fit to praise." "Well, and what would you claim for yourself in the way of noble achievement? Is it your having doubled the capes of Malea and Sunium, by checking your ship when it was drifting out of its course, and your having discerned so accurately the quarters from which the winds would blow both fore and aft, or your getting your boat past the reefs in the hollows of Euboea, where any number of spits stick up in the sea?"

XXIV

BUT Apollonius replied: "Since you tempt me to talk about pilotage, I would have you hear what I consider to have been my soundest exploit at that time. The Phoenician pirates at one time infested the sea, and were hanging about the cities to pick up information about the cargoes which different people had. The agents of the pirates spied out accordingly a rich cargo which I had on board my ship, and having taken me aside in conversation, asked me what was my share in the freight; and I told them that it was a thousand drachmas, for there were four people in

The tale
of the
Phoenician
pirates

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CAP. έκυβέρνων τὴν ναῦν. ‘οἰκία δέ,’ ἔφασαν ‘ἔστι σοι;’ ‘καλύβη πονηρά,’ ἔφην, ‘περὶ τὴν υῆσον τὴν Φάρον, οὐ πάλαι ποτὲ ὁ Πρωτεὺς φέκει.’ ‘βούλοιο ἀν οὖν,’ ἤροντό με, ‘γενέσθαι σοι γῆν μὲν ἀντὶ θαλάττης, οἰκίαν δὲ ἀντὶ τῆς καλύβης, τὸ δὲ ναῦλον δεκάκις τοῦτο, κακῶν τε ἐξελθεῖν μυρίων, ἀπὸ τῆς θαλάττης ἀνοιδούσης ἐγχρίπτει τοῖς κυβερνῶσιν;’ βούλεσθαι μὲν εἶπον, οὐ μὴν ἀρπαγῶν γε ἐμαυτὸν ἀξιοῦν, ὅπότε σοφώτερος ἐμαυτοῦ γέγονα καὶ στεφάνων ἡξίωμαι παρὰ τῆς τέχνης προϊόντων δ’ αὐτῶν καὶ βαλάντιά μοι δραχμῶν μυρίων δώσειν φασκόντων, εἰ γενοίμην αὐτοῖς, δέ βούλοντο, λέγειν ἥδη παρεκελευσάμην ὡς μηδὲν ἐλλείψων τοῦ πᾶς ἀνὴρ γενέσθαι σφίσι· λέγουσι δὴ μελεδωνὸι μὲν εἶναι ληστῶν, δεῖσθαι δέ μου μὴ ἀφελέσθαι αὐτοὺς τὸ τὴν ναῦν ἐλεῖν, μηδὲ ἐστυ ἐκπλεῦσαι, ὅπότε ἐκεῖθεν ἄραιμι, ἀλλ’ ὑφορμίσασθαι τῷ ἀκρωτηρίῳ, τὰς ναῦς γὰρ τὰς ληστρικὰς ἐν περιβολῇ ἔσταναι, καὶ ὁμοίων μοι ἐβούλοντο μήτ’ αὐτόν με ἀποκτενεῖν, καὶ ἀνήσειν δὲ τὸν θάνατον οἷς ἀν ἐγὼ παραιτῶμαι. ἐγὼ δὲ νοούθετεν μὲν αὐτοὺς οὐκ ἀσφαλὲς ἐμαυτῷ ἡγούμην, δείσας μὴ ἀπογνόντες ἐμβάλωσι μετεώρῳ τῇ υῆν καὶ ἀπολώμεθά που τοῦ πελάγους, ὡς δὲ ὑπουργῆσαι ὑπεσχόμην, ἀβούλοντο, ὁμοίωναι ἔφην αὐτοὺς δεῖν ἢ μὴν ἀληθεύσειν

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command of the ship. ‘And,’ said they, ‘have you CHAP
a house?’ ‘A wretched hut,’ I replied, ‘on the XXIV
Island of Pharos, where once upon a time Proteus
used to live.’ ‘Would you like then,’ they went
on, ‘to acquire a landed estate instead of the sea,
and a decent house instead of your hut, and ten
times as much for the cargo as you are going to get
now? And to get rid of a thousand misfortunes
which beset pilots owing to the roughness of the sea?’
I replied that I would gladly do so, but that I did
not aspire to become a pirate just at a time when I
had made myself more expert than I ever had been,
and had won crowns for my skill in my profession.
However they persevered and promised to give me a
purse of a thousand drachmas, if I would be their
man and do what they wanted. Accordingly I egged
them on to talk by promising not to fail them, but to
assist them in every way. Then they admitted that
they were agents of the pirates, and besought me not
to deprive them of a chance of capturing the ship,
and instead of sailing away to the city whenever I
weighed anchor thence, they arranged that I should
cast anchor under the promontory, under the lee of
which the pirate ships were riding; and they were
willing to swear that they would not only not kill
myself, but would spare the life of any for whom I
interceded. I for my part did not consider it safe to
reprehend them, for I was afraid that if they were
driven to despair, they would attack my ship on the
high seas and then we should all be lost somewhere
at sea; accordingly I promised to assist their enter-
prise, but I insisted upon their taking oath to keep
their promise truly. They accordingly made oath,
for our interview took place in a temple, and then I

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CAP. ταῦτα. ὁμοσάντων τοίνυν, καὶ γὰρ ἐν ἱερῷ διελέ-
XXIV γοντο, 'χωρεῖτε,' ἔφη, 'ἐπὶ τὰ τῶν ληστῶν πλοῖα,
ἡμεῖς γὰρ νύκτωρ ἀφήσομεν.' καὶ πιθανώτερος
ἔδόκουν ἔτι περὶ τοῦ νομίσματος διαλεγόμενος, ώς
δόκιμοι ἀπαριθμηθείη μοι καὶ μὴ πρότερον ἡ τὴν
ναῦν ἔλωσιν. οἱ μὲν δὴ ἔχώρουν, ἐγὼ δὲ ἡκα ἐς
τὸ πέλαγος ὑπεράρας τοῦ ἀκρωτηρίου." "ταῦτ'
οὖν," εἶπεν ὁ Ἰάρχας, "Απολλώνιε, δικαιοσύνης
ἡγῆ ἔργα;" "καὶ πρός γε," ἔφη, "φιλανθρωπίας,
τὸ γὰρ μὴ ἀποδόσθαι ψυχὰς ἀνθρώπων, μηδ'
ἀπεμπολῆσαι τὰ τῶν ἐμπόρων, χρημάτων τε
κρείττω γενέσθαι ναύτην ὄντα, πολλὰς ἀρετὰς
οἷμαι ξυνειληφέναι."

XXV

CAP. Γελάσας οὖν ὁ Ἰνδός, "ἴοικας," ἔφη, "τὸ μὴ
XXV ἀδικεῖν δικαιοσύνην ἡγεῖσθαι, τουτὶ δὲ οἷμαι καὶ
πάντας"Ελληνας· ώς γὰρ ἐγώ ποτε Αἰγυπτίων
δεῦρο ἀφικομένων ἥκουσα, φοιτῶσι μὲν ὑμῖν ἀπὸ
τῆς 'Ρώμης ἡγεμόνες γυμνὸν ἡρμένοι τὸν πέλεκυν
ἔφ' ὑμᾶς, οὕπω γιγνώσκοντες, εἰ φαύλων ἄρξουσιν,
ἡμεῖς δέ, εἰ μὴ πωλοῦεν τὰς δίκας οὗτοι, φατὲ
αὐτοὺς δικαίους εἶναι. τουτὶ δὲ καὶ τοὺς τῶν
ἀνδραπόδων καπήλους ἀκούω ἐκεῖ πράττειν, εἰ
γὰρ ἀφίκοιντο κατάγοντες ὑμῖν ἀνδράποδα Καρικὰ
καὶ τὸ ηθος αὐτῶν ἐφερμηνεύοιεν ὑμῖν, ἔπαινον
ποιοῦνται τῶν ἀνδραπόδων τὸ μὴ κλέπτειν αὐτά.

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said : ' You betake yourselves to the ships of the pirates at once, for we will sail away by night.' And they found me all the more plausible from the way I bargained about the money, for I stipulated that it must all be paid me in current cash, though not before they had captured the ship. They therefore went off, but I put straight out to sea after doubling the promontory.' " This then," said Iarchas, " O Discussion of justice Apollonius, you consider the behaviour of a just man ? " " Why yes," said Apollonius, " and of a humane one too ! for I consider it was a rare combination of the virtues for one who was a mere sailor to refuse to sacrifice men's lives, or to betray the interests of many merchants, so rising superior to all bribes of money."

XXV

THEREUPON the Indian smiled and said : " You seem to think that mere abstention from injustice constitutes justice, and I am of opinion that all the Greeks do the same. For as I once learned from the Egyptians that come hither, governors from Rome are in the habit of visiting your country, brandishing their axes naked over your heads, before they know whether they have cowards to rule or not ; but you acknowledge them to be just if they merely do not sell justice. And I have heard that the slave merchants yonder do exactly the same ; for when they come to you with convoys of Carian slaves and are anxious to recommend their characters to you, they make it a great merit of the slaves that they do not steal. In the same way do you recommend on CHAP XXV Criticisms of Greek morality

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CAP. τοὺς μὲν δὴ ἄρχοντας, οὶς ὑποκεῖσθαι φατε, τοιού-
XXV των ἀξιοῦτε, καὶ λαμπρύνοντες αὐτὸς ἐπαίναις,
οὶς περ τὰ ἀνδράποδα, ζηλωτὸς πέμπετε, ώς
οἰεσθε, οἱ δέ γε σοφώτατοι ποιηταὶ ὑμῶν οὐδ' εἰ
βούλεσθε δίκαιοι τε καὶ χρηστοὶ εἶναι, ἔνγ-
χωροῦσιν ὑμῖν γενέσθαι. τὸν γὰρ Μίνω τὸν
ῷμότητι ὑπερβαλόμενον πάντας, καὶ δουλωσάμενον
ταῖς ναυσὶ τοὺς ἔπὶ θαλάττῃ τε καὶ ἐν θαλάττῃ
δικαιοσύνης σκήπτρῳ τιμῶντες, ἐν "Αἰδου καθίζουσι
διαιτᾶν ταῖς ψυχαῖς, τὸν δ' αὖ Τάνταλον, ἐπειδὴ
χρηστός σε ἦν καὶ τοῖς φίλοις τῆς ὑπαρχούσης
αὐτῷ παρὰ τῶν θεῶν ἀθανασίας μετεδίδου, ποτοῦ
τε εἵργουσι καὶ σίτου, εἰσὶ δὲ οἱ καὶ λίθους αὐτῷ
ἐπικρεμάσαντες δεινὰ ἐφυβρίζουσι θείῳ τε καὶ
ἀγαθῷ ἀνδρί, οὓς ἐβουλόμην ἀν μᾶλλον λίμνην
αὐτῷ περιβλύσαι μέκταρος, ἐπειδὴ φιλανθρώπως
αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀφθόνως προῦπινε." καὶ ἅμα λέγων
ταῦτα ἐπεδείκνυ ἄγαλμα ἐν ἀριστερᾷ, φὲ ἐπεγέ-
γραπτο ΤΑΝΤΑΛΟΣ. τὸ μὲν δὴ ἄγαλμα τετρά-
πηχυ ἦν, ἀνδρὶ δὲ ἐώκει πεντηκοντούτῃ, καὶ τρόπον
Ἄργολικὸν ἔσταλτο, παρήλλαττε δὲ τὴν χλαμύδα,
ῶσπερ οἱ Θεταλοί, φιάλην τε προῦπινεν ἀπο-
χρῶσαν ἐνὶ διγῶντι, ἐν ἥ στάλαγμα ἐκάχλαζεν
ἀκηράτου πώματος οὐχ ὑπερβλύζον τῆς φιάλης.
ὅ τι μὲν οὖν ἡγοῦνται αὐτὸς καὶ ἐφ' ὅτῳ ἀπ' αὐτοῦ
πίνουσι, δηλώσω αὐτίκα. πλὴν ἀλλὰ ἡγεῖσθαι
χρὴ τὸν Τάνταλον μὴ τῇ γλώττῃ ἐφέντα, κοινωνή-

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such grounds the rulers whose sway you acknowledge, CHAP.
and after decorating them with such praises as you XXV
lavish upon slaves, you send them away, objects, as
you imagine, of universal admiration. Nay more,
your cleverest poets will not give you leave to be just
and good, even if you want to. For here was Minos, Minos
a man who exceeded all men in cruelty, and who
enslaved with his navies the inhabitants of continent
and islands alike, and yet they honour him by placing
in his hand a sceptre of justice and give him a throne
in Hades to be umpire of spirits ; while at the same
time they deny food and drink to Tantalus, merely Mytho-
because he was a good man and inclined to share
with his friends the immortality bestowed on him by
the Gods. And some of them hang stones upon him,
and rain insults of a terrible kind upon this divine
and good man ; and I would much rather that they
had represented him as swimming in a lake of nectar,
for he pledged men in that drink humanely and
ungrudgingly." And as he spoke he pointed out a
statue which stood upon his left hand, on which was
inscribed the name "Tantalus." Now this statue was
four cubits high, and represented a man of fifty years
who was clad in the fashion of Argolis, though he
parted his cloak in the way the Thessalians do, and
he held a cup sufficient at least for one thirsty man
and drank your health therefrom, and in the goblet
there was a liquor, an unmixed draught which frothed
and foamed, though without bubbling over the edge
of the cup. Now I will presently explain what they
consider this statue to be, and for what reason they
drink from it. In any case, however, we must
suppose that Tantalus was not assailed by the poets
because he gave rein to his tongue, but because

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CAP. σαντα δὲ ἀνθρώποις τοῦ νέκταρος ὑπὸ τῶν
XXV ποιητῶν ἐλαύνεσθαι, θεοῖς δὲ μὴ διαβεβλῆσθαι
αὐτόν, οὐ γὰρ ἄν, εἰ θεοῖς ἀπήχθετο, κριθῆναι
ποτε ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰνδῶν ἀγαθόν, θεοφιλεστάτων ὅντων
καὶ μηδὲν ἔξω τοῦ θείου πραττόντων.

XXVI

CAP. Διατρίβοντας δὲ αὐτοὺς περὶ τὸν λόγον τοῦτον
XXVI θύρυβος ἐκ τῆς κώμης προσέβαλεν, ἀφίκτο δὲ ἄρα
ὁ βασιλεὺς μηδικώτερον κατεσκευασμένος καὶ
δύκου μεστός. ἀχθεσθεὶς οὖν ὁ Ἰάρχας, “εἰ δὲ
Φραώτης,” ἔφη, “καταλύων ἐτύγχανεν, εἰδες ἄν
ῶσπερ ἐν μυστηρίῳ σιωπῆς μεστὰ πάντα.” ἐκ
τούτου μὲν δὴ ξυνῆκεν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, ὡς βασιλεὺς
ἐκεῖνος οὐκ ὀλίγῳ μέρει, φιλοσοφίᾳ δὲ πάσῃ τοῦ
Φραώτου λείποιτο, ρᾳθύμους δὲ ἴδων τοὺς σοφοὺς
καὶ μηδὲν παρασκευάζοντας, ὃν δεῖ τῷ βασιλεῖ
μετὰ μεσημβρίαν ἥκοντι, “ποῖ,” ἔφη, “ὁ βασιλεὺς
διαιτήσεται;” “ἐνταῦθα,” ἔφασαν, “ῶν γὰρ
ἔνεκα ἥκει, νύκτωρ διαλεγόμεθα, ἐπειδὴ καὶ
βελτίων ὁ καιρὸς πρὸς βουλάς.” “καὶ τράπεζα,”
ἔφη, “παρακείσεται ἥκοντι;” “νὴ Δὲ,” εἶπον,
“παχεῖά τε καὶ πάντα ἔχουσα, ὅπόσα ἐνταῦθα.”
“παχέως οὖν,” ἔφη, “διαιτᾶσθε;” “ἡμεῖς μέν,”
ἔφασαν, “λεπτῶς, πλείονα γὰρ ἡμῖν ἔξὸν σιτί-
ζεσθαι μικροῖς χαίρομεν, τῷ δὲ βασιλεῖ πολλῶν

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he shared the nectar with mankind ; nor must we CHAP.
suppose that he was really the victim of the gods' XXV
dislike, for, had he been hateful to them, he would
never have been judged by the Indians to be a good
man, for they are most religious people and never
transgress any divine command.

XXVI

WHILE they were still discussing this topic, a hubbub CHAP.
down below in the village struck their ears, for it XXVI
seems the king had arrived equipped in the height Visit of the
of Median fashion and full of pomp. Iarchas then,
not too well pleased, remarked : " If it were Phraotes
who was halting here, you would find a dead silence
prevailing everywhere as if you were attending a
mystery." From this remark Apollonius realised
that the king in question was not only inferior to
Phraotes in a few details, but in the whole of
philosophy ; and as he saw that the sages did not
bestir themselves to make any preparations or pro-
vide for the king's wants, though he was come at
midday, he said : " Where is the king going to stay ? "
" Here," they replied, " for we shall discuss by night
the objects for which he is come, since that is the
best time for taking counsel." " And will a table be
laid for him when he comes," said Apollonius.
" Why, of course," they answered, " a rich table too,
furnished with everything which this place provides."
" Then," said he, " you live richly ? " " We,"
they answered, " live in a slender manner, for
although we might eat as much as we like, we are
contented with little ; but the king requires a great

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CAP. δεῖ, βούλεται γάρ. σιτήσεται δὲ ἔμψυχον μὲν
XXVI οὐδέν, οὐ γὰρ θέμις ἐνταῦθα, τραγήματα δὲ καὶ
ρίζας καὶ ώραια, ὅπόσα νῦν ἡ Ἰνδικὴ ἔχει, ὅπόσα
τε αἱ ἐς νέωτα ώραι δώσουσιν.”

XXVII

CAP. “Ἄλλ’ ἵδού,” ἔφη, “οὗτος.” προήει δὲ ἄρα ὁ
XXVII βασιλεὺς ἀδελφῷ τε καὶ σιφῷ ἄμα, χρυσῷ τε
ἀστράπτων καὶ ψήφοις. ὑπανισταμένου δὲ τοῦ
Ἀπολλωνίου, κατεῖχεν αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰάρχας ἐν τῷ
θρόνῳ, μηδὲ γὰρ αὐτοῖς πάτριον εἶναι τοῦτο. τού-
τοις ὁ Δάμις αὐτὸς μὲν οὕ φησι παρατυχεῖν διὰ τὸ
τὴν ἡμέραν ἐκείνην ἐν τῇ κώμῃ διαιτᾶσθαι, Ἀπολ-
λωνίου δὲ ἀκηκοῶς ἐγγράψαι αὐτὰ ἐς τὸν αὐτοῦ
λόγον. φησὶ τοίνυν καθημένοις μὲν αὐτοῖς τὸν
βασιλέα προτείνοντα τὴν χεῖρα οἰον εὔχεσθαι
τοῖς ἀνδράσι, τοὺς δὲ ἐπινεύειν, ὥσπερ ξυντιθε-
μένους οἵς ἦτει, τὸν δὲ ὑπερήδεσθαι τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ,
καθάπερ ἐς θεοῦ ἥκουντα. τὸν δὲ ἀδελφὸν τοῦ
βασιλέως καὶ τὸν σιδών κάλλιστον μειράκιον δύντα
μηδὲν ὄρασθαι βέλτιον ἡ εἰ ἀνδράποδα τουτωνὶ¹
τῶν ἀκολούθων ἥσαν. μετὰ ταῦτα ἔξαναστῆναι
τὸν Ἰνδὸν καὶ φωνὴν ἴέντα κελεύειν αὐτὸν σίτουν
ἄπτεσθαι, προσδεξαμένου δ' αὐτὸν καὶ τοῦτο
μάλιστα ἀσμένως, τρίποδες μὲν ἔξεπορεύθησαν
Πυθικοὶ τέτταρες αὐτόματοι, καθάπερ οἱ Ὁμή-
ρειοι προϊόντες, οίνοχοοι δ' ἐπ' αὐτοῖς χαλκοῦ
μέλανος, οίοι παρ' “Ἐλλησιν οἱ Γανυμήδεις τε καὶ

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deal, for that is his pleasure. But he will not eat CHAP.
any living creature, for that is wrong to do here, but XXVI
only dried fruits and roots and the seasonable
produce of the Indian land at this time of year, and
whatever else the new year's seasons will provide."

XXVII

"BUT see," said he, "here he is." And just then CHAP.
the king advanced together with his brother and his XXVII
son, ablaze with gold and jewels. And Apollonius
was about to rise and retire, when Iarchas checked
him from leaving his throne, and explained to him
that it was not their custom for him to do so. Damis
himself says that he was not present on this occasion,
because on that day he was staying in the village,
but he heard from Apollonius what happened and
wrote it in his book. He says then that when they
had sat down, the king extended his hand as if in
prayer to the sages, and they nodded their assent
as if they were conceding his request; and he was
transported with joy at the promise, just as if he had
come to the oracle of a God. But the brother of the
king and his son, who was a very pretty boy, were
not more considered than if they had been the
slaves of the others, that were mere retainers. After
that the Indian rose from his place, and in a formal speech bade the king take food, and he accepted
the invitation and that most cordially. Thereupon four tripods stepped forth like those of the Pythian temple, but of their own accord, like those which advanced in Homer's poem, and upon them were cupbearers of black brass resembling the figures of

The Sages
entertain
the king

Iliad 18. 375

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CAP.
XXVII
οι Πέλοπες. ἡ γῆ δὲ ὑπεστόρνυ πόας μαλακω-
τέρας ἡ αἱ εὐναί. τραγήματα δὲ καὶ ἄρτοι καὶ
λάχανα καὶ τρωκτὰ ὥραια, πάντα ἐν κόσμῳ
ἔφοίτα διακείμενα ἥδιον ἡ εἰ ὀψοποιοὶ αὐτὰ παρ-
εσκεύαζον, τῶν δὲ τριπόδων οἱ μὲν δύο οἴνου
ἐπέρρεον, τοῖν δυοῖν δὲ ὁ μὲν ὕδατος θερμοῦ
κρήνην παρεῖχεν, ὁ δὲ αὖ ψυχροῦ. αἱ δὲ ἔξ 'Ινδῶν
φοιτῶσαι λίθοι παρ' "Ελλησι μὲν ἐσ ὅρμους τε καὶ
δακτυλίους ἐμβιβάζονται διὰ σμικρότητα, παρὰ
δὲ 'Ινδοῖς οἰνοχόαι τε ψυκτῆρές τε γίγνονται διὰ
μέγεθος καὶ κρατῆρες ἡλίκοι ἐμπλῆσαι τέτταρας
ῶρα ἔτους διψῶντας. τοὺς δὲ οἰνοχόους τοὺς
χαλκοῦς ἀρύεσθαι μέν φησι ξυμμέτρως τοῦ τε
οἴνου καὶ τοῦ ὕδατος, περιελαύνειν δὲ τὰς κύλικας,
ῶσπερ ἐν τοῖς πότοις. κατακεῖσθαι δὲ αὐτοὺς ὡς
ἐν ξυστιτίφ μέν, οὐ μὴν πρόκριτόν γε τὸν βασιλέα,
τοῦτο δὴ τὸ παρ' "Ελλησί τε καὶ 'Ρωμαίοις
πολλοῦ ἄξιον, ἀλλ' ὡς ἔτυχέ γε, οὐ ἔκαστος
ὅρμησεν.

XXVIII

CAP.
XXVIII
'Επεὶ δὲ προήει ὁ πότος, "προπίνω σοι," ὁ 'Ιάρ-
χας εἶπεν, "ὦ βασιλεῦ, ἄνδρα "Ελληνα," τὸν
'Απολλώνιον ὑποκεκλιμένον αὐτῷ δείξας καὶ τῇ
χειρὶ προσημαίνων, ὅτι γενναιός τε εἴη καὶ θεῖος.
ὁ δὲ βασιλεύς, "ηκουσα" ἔφη, "προσήκειν Φραώτη
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Ganymede and of Pelops among the Greeks. And CHAP.
the earth strewed beneath them grass softer than ^{XXVII}
any mattress. And dried fruits and bread and
vegetables and the dessert of the season all came in,
served in order, and set before them more agreeably
than if cooks and waiters had provided it ; now two
of the tripods flowed with wine, but the other two
supplied, the one of them a jet of warm water and
the other of cold. Now the precious stones imported
from India are employed in Greece for necklaces
and rings because they are so small, but among the
Indians they are turned into decanters and wine
coolers, because they are so large, and into goblets of
such size that from a single one of them four persons
can slake their thirst at midsummer. But the cup-
bearers of bronze drew a mixture, he says, of wine
and water made in due proportions ; and they pushed
cups round, just as they do in drinking bouts.
The sages, however, reclined as we do in a common
banquet, not that any special honour was paid to the
king, although great importance would be attached
to him among Greeks and Romans, but each took
the first place that he chanced to reach.

XXVIII

AND when the wine had circulated, Iarchas said : CHAP.
“I pledge you to drink the health, O king, of a ^{XXVIII}
Hellene,” and he pointed to Apollonius, who was
reclining just below him, and he made a gesture
with his hand to indicate that he was a noble man
and divine. But the king said : “ I have heard that

The king's
low opinion
of
philosophy

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CAP. ΞΙΑΤΤΗ ΤΟῦΤΟΝ ΤΕ ΚΑὶ ΤΟὺΣ ἐΝ Τῇ ΚΩΜῇ ΚΑΤΑΛÚΟΥΤΑΣ.”

“ορθῶς,” ἔφη, “καὶ ἀληθῶς ἥκουσας, ἐκεῖνος γὰρ κάνταῦθα ξενίζει αὐτόν.” “τί,” ἔφη, “ἐπιτηδεύοντα;” “τί δ’ ἄλλο γε,” εἶπεν, “ἢ ἅπερ ἐκεῖνος;” “οὐδέν,” ἔφη, “ξένον εἰρηκας ἀσπαζόμενον ἐπιτήδευσιν, ἢ μηδὲ ἐκείνῳ ξυνεχώρησε γενναίῳ γενέσθαι.” ὁ μὲν δὴ Ἰάρχας, “σωφρονέστερον,” ἔφη, “ὦ βασιλεῦ, περὶ φιλοσοφίας τε καὶ Φραώτου γίγνωσκε, τὸν μὲν γὰρ χρόνον, δν μειράκιον ἡσθα, ξυνεχώρει σοι ἡ νεότης τὰ τοιαῦτα, ἐπεὶ δὲ ἐς ἄνδρας ἔξαλλάττεις ἥδη, φειδώμεθα τῶν ἀνοήτων τε καὶ εὐκόλων.” ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος ἔρμηνεύοντος τοῦ Ἰάρχα, “σοὶ δὲ τί,” ἔφη, “ὦ βασιλεῦ, τὸ μὴ φιλοσοφῆσαι δέδωκεν;” “ἔμοὶ δὲ ἀρετὴν πᾶσαν καὶ τὸ εἶναι με τὸν αὐτὸν τῷ Ἡλίῳ.” ὁ δὲ ἐπιστομίζων αὐτοῦ τὸν τῦφον “εἰ ἐφιλοσόφεις,” εἶπεν, “οὐκ ἀν ταῦτα φού.” “σὺ δέ, ἐπειδὴ φιλοσοφεῖς, ὦ βέλτιστε,” ἔφη, “τί περὶ σαυτοῦ οἴει;” “τό γε ἀνήρ,” ἔφη, “ἀγαθὸς δοκεῖν, εἰ φιλοσοφοίην.” ἀνατείνας οὖν τὴν χεῖρα ἐς τὸν οὐρανόν, “νὴ τὸν Ἡλιον,” ἔφη, “Φραώτου μεστὸς ἥκεις.” ὁ δὲ ἔρμαιόν γε ἐποιήσατο τὸν λόγον καὶ ὑπολαβών, “οὐ μάτην ἀποδεδήμηται μοι,” εἶπεν, “εἰ Φραώτου μεστὸς γέγονα· εἰ δὲ κάκείνῳ υἱον

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he and the persons who are halting in the village belong to Phraotes." CHAP.
XXVIII.

"Quite right," he answered, "and true is what you heard : for it is Phraotes who entertains him here also." "What," asked the king, "is his mode of life and pursuit?" "Why, what else," replied Iarchas, "except that of that king himself?" "It is no great compliment you have paid him," answered the king, "by saying that he has embraced a mode of life which has denied even to Phraotes the chance of being a noble man." Thereupon Iarchas remarked : "You must judge more reasonably, O king, both about philosophy and about Phraotes : for as long as you were a stripling, your youth excused in you such extravagances. But now that you have already reached man's estate, let us avoid foolish and facile utterances." But Apollonius, who found an interpreter in Iarchas, said : "And what have you gained, O king, by refusing to be a philosopher?" "What have I gained? Why, the whole of virtue and the identification of myself with the Sun." Then the other, by way of checking his pride and muzzling him, said : "If you were a philosopher, you would not entertain such fancies." "And you," replied the king, "since you are a philosopher, what is your fancy about yourself, my fine fellow?" "That I may pass," replied Apollonius, "for being a good man, if only I can be a philosopher." Thereupon the king stretched out his hand to heaven and exclaimed : "By the Sun, you come here full of Phraotes." But the other hailed this remark as a godsend, and catching him up said : "I have not taken this long journey in vain, if I am become full of Phraotes. But if you should meet him presently,

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CAP. ΧΧVΙΠ **έντύχοις, πάνυ φήσεις αὐτὸν ἐμοῦ μεστὸν εἶναι,**
καὶ γράφειν δὲ ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ πρὸς σὲ ἐβούλετο, ἀλλ’
ἐπειδὴ ἔφασκεν ἄνδρα ἀγαθὸν εἶναι σε, παρητη-
σάμην τὸν δχλον τῆς ἐπιστολῆς, ἐπεὶ μηδὲ ἐκείνῳ
τις ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ ἐπέστειλεν.”

XXIX

CAP. ΧΧIX ‘Η μὲν δὴ πρώτη παροινία τοῦ βασιλέως ἐν-
ταῦθα ἔληξεν’ ἀκούσας γὰρ ἐπαινεῖσθαι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ^{τοῦ} Φραώτου, τῆς τε ὑποψίας ἐπελάθετο καὶ
ὑφεὶς τοῦ τόνου, “χαῖρε,” ἔφη, “ἀγαθὲ ξένε.” ὁ
δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος, “καὶ σύ, βασιλεῦ,” εἶπεν, “ἔοικας
γὰρ νῦν ηκοντι.” “τίς σε,” ἔφη, “πρὸς ημᾶς
ἡγαγεν;” “οὐτοι,” εἶπεν, “οἱ θεοί τε καὶ σοφοὶ
ἄνδρες.” “περὶ ἐμοῦ δέ,” ἔφη, “ὦ ξένε, τίς λόγος
ἐν τοῖς “Ελλησιν;” “ὅσος γε,” εἶπε, “καὶ περὶ
“Ελλήνων ἐνταῦθα.” “οὐδέν,” ἔφη, “τῶν παρ’
“Ελλησιν ἔγωγε λόγου ἀξιῶ.” “ἀπαγγελῶ ταῦτα,”
εἶπε, “καὶ στεφανώσουσί σε ἐν Ὁλυμπίᾳ.”

XXX

CAP. ΧΧX **Καὶ προσκλιθεὶς τῷ Ἰάρχᾳ, “τοῦτον μέν,”** ἔφη,
“μεθύειν ṿα, σὺ δέ μοι εἰπὲ τοῦ χάριν τοὺς περὶ^{τοῦ}
αὐτὸν τούτους, ἀδελφόν, ὡς φατέ, καὶ υἱὸν δυτας
οὐκ ἀξιοῦτε κοινῆς τραπέζης, οὐδὲ ἄλλης τιμῆς,
οὐδεμιᾶς;” “ὅτι,” ἔφη, “βασιλεύσειν ποτὲ ἥγοῦνται,

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you will certainly say that he is full of me ; and he CHAP.
wished to write to you in my behalf, but since he XXVIII
declared that you were a good man, I begged him
not to take the trouble of writing, seeing that in his
case no one sent a letter commanding me."

XXIX

THIS put a stop to the incipient folly of the king ; CHAP.
for having heard that he himself was praised by XXIX
Phraotes, he not only dropped his suspicions, but lower-
ing his tone he said : " Welcome, goodly stranger." And of Hellas
But Apollonius answered : " And my welcome to
you also, O king, for you appear to have only just
arrived." " And who," asked the other, " attracted
you to us ? " " These gentlemen here, who are both
Gods and wise men." " And about myself, O
stranger," said the king, " what is said among
Hellenes ? " " Why, as much," said Apollonius,
" as is said about the Hellenes here." " As for
myself, I find nothing in the Hellenes," said the
other, " that is worth speaking of." " I will tell
them that," said Apollonius, " and they will crown
you at Olympia."

XXX

AND stooping towards Iarchas he said : " Let him CHAP.
go on like a drunkard, but do you tell me why do you XXX
not invite to the same table as yourself nor hold worthy
of other recognition those who accompany this man,
though they are his brother and son, as you tell me ? "
" Because," said Iarchas, " they reckon to be kings

The number
of the Sages
in no way
symbolical

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CAP. δεῖ δὲ αὐτοὺς ὑπερορωμένους παιδεύεσθαι τὸ μὴ
xxx ὑπερορᾶν.” ὀκτωκαίδεκα δὲ ὄρῶν τοὺς σοφοὺς
πάλιν τὸν Ἰάρχαν ἤρετο, τί βούλοιτο αὐτοῖς τὸ
εἶναι τοσούτους; “οὔτε γὰρ τῶν τετραγώνων ὁ
ἀριθμός, οὔτε τῶν εὐδοκιμούντων τε καὶ τιμωμένων,
καθάπερ ὁ τῶν δέκα καὶ ὁ τῶν δώδεκα καὶ ὁ
έκκαίδεκα καὶ ὅπόσοι τοιοίδε.” ὑπολαβὼν οὖν ὁ
Ἰνδός, “οὔτε ἡμεῖς,” ἔφη, “ἀριθμῷ δουλεύομεν οὔτε
ἀριθμὸς ἡμῖν, ἀλλ’ ἀπὸ σοφίας τε καὶ ἀρετῆς
προτιμώμεθα, καὶ ὅτε μὲν πλείους τῶν νῦν δυτῶν
ἐσμέν, ὅτε δὲ ἐλάττους. τόν τοι πάππον τὸν
ἔμαυτον ἀκούω καταλεχθῆναι μὲν ἐς ἐθδομήκοντα
σοφοὺς ἄνδρας, νεώτατον αὐτὸν δυτα, προελθόντα δὲ
ἐς τριάκοντα καὶ ἑκατὸν ἔτη καταλειφθῆναι μόνον
ἐνταῦθα, τῷ μήτ’ ἐκείνων τινὰ λείπεσθαι ἔτι, μήτε
εἶναι ποι τότε τῆς Ἰνδικῆς ἢ φιλόσοφου ἢ γενναίαν
φύσιν. Αἰγυπτίων τοίνυν ἐν τοῖς εὐδαιμονεστάτοις
γραψάντων αὐτόν, ἐπειδὴ μόνος ἐτῶν τεττάρων ἔξη-
γήσατο τούτου τοῦ θρόνου, παρήνει παύσασθαι
όνειδίζοντας Ἰνδοῖς σοφῶν ὀλιγανδρίαν. ἡμεῖς δέ,
ὦ Ἀπολλώνιε, καὶ τὰ Ἡλείων πάτρια Αἰγυπτίων
ἀκούοντες καὶ τοὺς Ἑλλανοδίκας, οἱ προΐστανται
τῶν Ὀλυμπίων, δέκα δυτας, οὐκ ἐπαινοῦμεν τὸν
νόμον τὸν ἐπὶ τοῖς ἀνδράσι κείμενον, κλήρῳ γὰρ
ξυγχωροῦσι τὴν αἴρεσιν, ὃς προνοεῖ οὐδέν, καὶ γὰρ
ἄν καὶ τῶν φαυλοτέρων τις αἴρεθείη ὑπὸ τοῦ
κλήρου. εἰ δέ γε ἀριστίνδην ἢ καὶ κατὰ ψῆφου
ἡροῦντο τοὺς ἄνδρας, οὐκ ἄν ἡμάρτανον; παρα-

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one day themselves, and by being made themselves CHAP.
to suffer disdain they must be taught not to disdain XXX
others." And remarking that the sages were eighteen in number, he again asked Iarchas, what was the meaning of their being just so many and no more. "For," he said, "the number eighteen is not a square number, nor is it one of the numbers held in esteem and honour, as are the numbers ten and twelve and sixteen and so forth." Thereupon the Indian took him up and said: "Neither are we beholden to number nor number to us, but we owe our superior honour to wisdom and virtue; and sometimes we are more in number than we now are, and sometimes fewer. And indeed I have heard that when my grandfather was enrolled among these wise men, the youngest of them all, they were seventy in number, but when he reached his 130th year, he was left here all alone, because not one of them survived him at that time, nor was there to be found anywhere in India a nature that was either philosophic or noble. The Egyptians accordingly wrote and congratulated him warmly on being left alone for four years in his tenure of this throne, but he begged them to cease reproaching the Indians for the paucity of their sages. Now we, O Apollonius, have heard from the Egyptians of the custom of the Elians, and that the Hellanodiceæ, who preside over the Olympic games, are ten in number; but we do not approve of the rule imposed in the case of these men; for they leave the choice of them to the lot, and the lot has no discernment, for a worse man might be as easily chosen by lot as a better one. On the other hand, would they not make a mistake, if they had made merit the qualification

Limitation
in number
not
congruous
with choice
by merit

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CAP. πλησίως· ὁ γάρ τῶν δέκα ἀριθμὸς ἀπαραίτητος
XXX ὃν ἡ πλειόνων δυτῶν ἀνδρῶν δικαίων ἀφηρεῖτο ἀν
ἐνίους τὸ ἐπὶ τούτῳ τιμᾶσθαι, ἡ οὐκ δυτῶν δικαίων
δέκα οὐδεὶς δόξει· ὅθεν πολλῷ σοφώτερον ἐφρό-
νουν ἀν Ἡλεῖοι ἀριθμῷ μὲν ἄλλοτε ἄλλοι δυτες,
δικαιότητι δὲ οἱ αὐτοί.”

XXXI

CAP.
XXXI Ταῦτα σπουδάζοντας αὐτοὺς ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐκ-
κρούειν ἐπειρᾶτο, διείργων αὐτοὺς παντὸς λόγου
καὶ ἀεὶ τι ἔμπληκτον καὶ ἀμαθὲς λέγων. πάλιν
οὖν ἥρετο ὑπὲρ τοῦ σπουδάζοιεν, ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος,
“διαλεγόμεθα μὲν ὑπὲρ μεγάλων καὶ τῶν παρ’
“Ελλησιν εὐδοκιμωτάτων, σὺ δ’ ἀν μικρὰ ταῦτα
ἥγοιο, φῆς γὰρ διαβέβλησθαι πρὸς τὰ Ἐλλήνων.”
“διαβέβλημαι μὲν ἀληθῶς,” εἶπεν, “ἀκοῦσαι
δ’ ὅμως βούλομαι, δοκεῖτε γάρ μοι λέγειν ὑπὲρ
‘Αθηναίων, τῶν Ξέρξου δούλων.” ὁ δέ, “ὑπὲρ
ἄλλων μέν,” ἔφη, “διαλεγόμεθα, ἐπεὶ δ’ ἀτόπως
τε καὶ ψευδῶς Ἀθηναίων ἐπεμνήσθης, ἐκεῖνός μοι
εἰπέ· εἰσί σοι, βασιλεῦ, δοῦλοι;” “δισμύριοι,”
ἔφη, “καὶ οὐδὲ ἐώνημαί γε αὐτῶν οὐδένα, ἀλλ’
εἰσὶν οἰκογενεῖς πάντες.” πάλιν οὖν ἥρετο ἐρμη-
νεύοντος τοῦ Ἰάρχα, πότερ’ αὐτὸς ἀποδιδράσκοι
τοὺς αὐτοῦ δούλους ἡ οἱ δοῦλοι ἐκεῖνον, ὁ δὲ

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and chosen them by vote? Yes, a parallel one, for if you CHAP.
are on no account to exceed the number ten, there may XXX
be more than ten just men, and you will deprive some
of the rank which their merits entitle them to, while
if on the other hand there are not so many as ten,
then restriction of the number is meaningless.
Wherefore the Elians would be much wiser-minded,
if they allowed the number to fluctuate, merely
insisting on justice as a qualification for all alike."

XXXI

WHILE they were thus conversing, the king kept CHAP.
trying to interrupt them, constantly breaking off XXXI

their every sentence by his silly and ignorant remarks. He accordingly again asked them what they were conversing about, and Apollonius replied : "We are discussing matters important and held in great repute among the Hellenes ; though you would think of them but slightly, for you say that you detest everything Hellenic." " I do certainly detest them," he said, " but nevertheless I want to hear ; for I imagine you are talking about those Athenians, the slaves of Xerxes." But Apollonius replied : " Nay, we are discussing other things ; but since you have alluded to the Athenians in a manner both absurd and false, answer me this question : Have you, O king, any slaves ? " " Twenty thousand," said the other, " and not a single one of them did I buy myself, but they were all born in my household." Thereupon Apollonius, using Iarchas as his interpreter, asked him afresh whether he was in the habit of running away from his slaves or his slaves from

Apollonius
vindicates
Greeks from
the slur put
upon them
by the king

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CAP. οὐθρίζων αὐτόν, “τὸ μὲν ἔρωτημα,” ἔφη, “ἀνδραποδῶδες, ὅμως δ’ οὖν ἀποκρίνομαι τὸν ἀποδιδράσκοντα δοῦλόν τε εἶναι καὶ ἄλλως κακόν, δεσπότην δὲ οὐκ ἀν ἀποδρᾶναι τοῦτον, ὃν ἔξεστιν αὐτῷ στρεβλοῦν τε καὶ ξαίνειν.” “οὐκοῦν,” ἔφη, “ὦ βασιλεῦ, δοῦλος εἶναι Ἀθηναίων Ξέρξης ὑπὸ σοῦ ἀποπέφανται καὶ ὡς κακὸς δοῦλος ἀποδρᾶναι αὐτούς, ἡττηθεὶς γὰρ ὑπ’ αὐτῶν τῇ ναυμαχίᾳ τῇ περὶ τὰ στενά, καὶ δείσας περὶ ταῖς ἐν Ἑλλησπόντῳ σχεδίαις ἐν μιᾷ νηὶ ἔφυγε.” “καὶ μὴν καὶ ἐνέπρησεν,” ἔφη, “τὰς Ἀθήνας ταῖς ἑαυτοῦ χερσίν.” ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος, “τούτου μέν,” εἰπειν, “ὦ βασιλεῦ, τοῦ τολμήματος ἕδωκε δίκας, ὡς οὕπω τις ἔτερος οὖς γὰρ ἀπολωλεκέναι φέτο, τούτους ἀποδρᾶς φέχετο. ἐγὼ δὲ καὶ τὰ Ξέρξου θεωρῶν ἐπὶ μὲν τῇ διανοίᾳ, καθ’ ἣν ἐστράτευσεν, ἥγοιμην ἀν αὐτὸν ἀξίως δοξασθῆναι ἐνίοις, ὅτι Ζεὺς εἴη, ἐπὶ δὲ τῇ φυγῇ κακοδαιμονέστατον ἀνθρώπων ὑπείληφα· εἰ γὰρ ἐν χερσὶ τῶν Ἑλλήνων ἀπέθανε, τίς μὲν ἀν λόγων λαμπροτέρων ἡξιώθη; τῷ δὲ ἀν μείζω τάφον ἐπεσημήναντο Ἑλλῆνες; ἀγωνία δ’ ἐνόπλιος καὶ ἀγωνία μουσικὴ τίς οὐκ ἀν ἐπ’ αὐτῷ ἐτέθη; εἰ γὰρ Μελικέρται καὶ Παλαίμονες καὶ Πέλοψ ὁ ἐπηλύτης Λυδός, οἱ μὲν ἔτι πρὸς μαζῷ ἀποθανόντες, ὁ δὲ τὴν Ἀρκαδίαν τε καὶ τὴν Ἀργολίδα καὶ τὴν ἐντὸς Ἰσθμοῦ δουλωσάμενος, ἐς θείαν μυήμην ὑπὸ τῶν Ἑλλήνων

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him. And the king by way of insult answered him : CHAP.
“Your very question is worthy of a slave, nevertheless I will answer it : a man who runs away is not
only a slave but a bad one to boot, and his master
would never run away from him, when he can if he
likes both torture and card him.” “In that case,”
said Apollonius, “O king, Xerxes has been proved
out of your mouth to have been a slave of the
Athenians, and like a bad slave to have run away
from them ; for when he was defeated by them in the
naval action in the Straits, he was so anxious about
his bridge of boats over the Hellespont that he fled
in a single ship.” “Yes, but he anyhow burned
Athens with his own hands,” said the king. And
Apollonius answered : “And for that act of audacity,
O king, he was punished as never yet was any other
man. For he had to run away from those whom he
imagined he had destroyed ; and when I contemplate
the ambitions with which Xerxes set out on his
campaign, I can conceive that some were justified in
exalting him and saying that he was Zeus ; but when
I contemplate his flight, I arrive at the conviction
that he was the most illstarred of men. For if he
had fallen at the hands of the Hellenes, no one
would have earned a brighter fame than he. For to
whom would the Hellenes have raised and dedicated
a loftier tomb ? What jousts of armed men, what
contests of musicians would not have been instituted
in honour of him ? For if men like Melicertes and
Palaemon and Pelops the Lydian immigrant, the
former of whom died in childhood at the breast,
while Pelops enslaved Arcadia and Argolis and the
land within the Isthmus,—if these were commemorated
by the Greeks as Gods, what would not

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CAP. ηρθησαν, τί οὐκ ἀν ἐπὶ Ξέρξῃ ἐγένετο ὑπ' ἀνδρῶν
XXXI ἀσπαζομένων τε ἀρετὰς φύσει καὶ ἔπαινον αὐτῶν
ἡγουμένων τὸ ἔπαινεῖν οὖς νικῶσιν ;”

XXXII

CAP. Ταῦτα τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου λέγοντος ἐς δάκρυα
XXXII ἀπήχθη ὁ βασιλεύς, καὶ, “ὦ φίλατε,” εἶπεν,
“οἵους ἄνδρας ἔρμηνεύεις μοι τοὺς Ἐλληνας εἶναι.”
“πόθεν οὖν, ὦ βασιλεῦ, χαλεπῶς πρὸς αὐτοὺς
εἰχες ;” “διαβάλλουσιν,” εἶπεν, “ὦ ξένε, τὸ
Ἐλλήνων γένος οἱ ἐξ Αἰγύπτου φοιτῶντες ἐνταῦθα,
σφᾶς μὲν αὐτοὺς ἴερούς τε καὶ σοφοὺς ἀποφαίνοντες
καὶ νομοθέτας θυσιῶν τε καὶ τελετῶν, ὅπόσας
νομίζουσιν οἱ “Ἐλληνες, ἐκείνους δὲ οὐδὲν ὑγιές
είναι φάσκοντες, ἀλλ’ ὑβριστάς τε καὶ ξύγκλυδας
καὶ ἀναρχίαν πᾶσαν καὶ μυθολόγους καὶ τερατο-
λόγους, καὶ πένητας μέν, ἐνδεικνυμένους δὲ τοῦτο
οὐχ ὡς σεμνόν, ἀλλ’ ὑπὲρ ξυγγνώμης τοῦ κλέπτειν,
σοῦ δὲ ἀκούων ταῦτα καὶ ὅπως φιλότιμοί τε καὶ
χρηστοί εἰσι, σπένδομαί τε λοιπὸν τοῖς Ἐλλησι,
καὶ δίδωμι αὐτοῖς ἔπαινεῖσθαί τε ὑπ’ ἐμοῦ καὶ
εὑχεσθαί με ὑπὲρ Ἐλλήνων ὅ τι δύναμαι καὶ τοὺς
Αἰγυπτίους ὑπ’ ἐμοῦ ἀπιστεῖσθαι.” ὁ δὲ Ἰάρχας,
“κάγω,” ἔφη, “ὦ βασιλεῦ, ἐγίγνωσκον, δτι σοι τὰ
ῶτα διέφθορεν ὑπὸ τῶν Αἰγυπτίων τούτων, διήσειν
δὲ ὑπὲρ Ἐλλήνων οὐδέν, ἔστ’ ἀν ξυμβούλου¹ τοιού-
του τύχης, ἀλλ’ ἐπεὶ βελτίων γέγονας ὑπ’ ἀνδρὸς

¹ So Olearius : Kaiser ξυμβόλου.

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have been done for Xerxes by men who are by CHAP.
nature enthusiastic admirers of the virtues, and ^{XXXI}
who consider that they praise themselves in praising
those whom they have defeated?"

XXXII

THESE words of Apollonius caused the king to CHAP.
burst into tears, and he said : " Dearest friend, in what ^{XXXII}

an heroic light do you represent these Hellenes to me." " Why then, O king, were you so hard upon them ? " " The visitors who come hither from Egypt, The king
recants,
and blames
Egyptian
slanderers O guest," replied the king, " malign the race of Hellenes, and while declaring that they themselves are holy men and wise, and the true law-givers who fixed all the sacrifices and rites of initiation which are in vogue among the Greeks, they deny to the latter any and every sort of good quality, declaring them to be ruffians, and a mixed herd addicted to every sort of anarchy, and lovers of legend and miracle mongers, and though indeed poor, yet making their poverty not a title of dignity, but a mere excuse for stealing. But now that I have heard this from you and understand how fond of honour and how worthy the Hellenes are, I am reconciled for the future to them and I engage both that they shall have my praise and that I will pray all I can for them, and will never set trust in another Egyptian." But Iarchas remarked : " I too, O king, was aware that your mind had been poisoned by these Egyptians ; but I would not take the part of the Hellenes until you met some such counsellor as this. But since you have been put right by a wise man, let us

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CAP. σοφοῦ, μὲν ἡμῖν ἡ Ταντάλου φιλοτησία
XXXII πινέσθω καὶ καθεύδωμεν δι’ ἀ χρὴ νύκτωρ
σπουδάσαι, λόγων δὲ Ἐλληνικῶν, πλεῖστοι δ’
οὗτοι τῶν κατ’ ἀνθρώπους, ἐμπλήσω σε λοιπὸν ἐγὼ
χαίροντα, ὅπότε ἀφίκοιο.” - καὶ ἄμα ἐξῆρχε τοῖς
ξυμπόταις πρῶτος ἐς τὴν φιάλην κύπτων, ἡ δὲ
ἐπότιζεν ἰκανῶς πάντας, τὸ γὰρ νᾶμα ἀφθόνως
ἐπεδίδουν, καθάπερ δὴ τοῖς πηγαίοις ἀναδιδομένοις,
ἔπιε τε καὶ ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, ὑπὲρ γὰρ φιλότητος
Ἰνδοῖς τὸ ποτὸν τοῦτο εὔρηται. ποιοῦνται δὲ
αὐτοῦ οἰνοχόον Τάνταλον, ἐπειδὴ φιλικώτατος
ἀνθρώπων ἔδοξεν.

XXXIII

CAP. Πιόντας δὲ αὐτοὺς ἐδέξατο ἡ γῆ εὐναῖς, ἀς αὐτὴ
XXXIII ὑπεστόρνυ. ἐπεὶ δὲ νὺξ μέση ἐγένετο, πρῶτον μὲν
ἀναστάντες τὴν ἀκτῖνα μετέωροι ὑμησαν, ὥσπερ
ἐν τῇ μεσημβρίᾳ, εἴτα τῷ βασιλεῖ ξυνεγένοντο,
ὅπόσα ἐδεῖτο. παρατυχεῖν μὲν οὖν τὸν Ἀπολλώ-
νιον οἷς ἐσπούδασεν ὁ βασιλεὺς οὕ φησιν ὁ Δάμις,
οἵεσθαι δ’ αὐτὸν περὶ τῶν τῆς ἀρχῆς ἀπορρήτων
τὴν ξυνουσίαν πεποιῆσθαι. θύσας οὖν ἄμα ἡμέρᾳ
προσῆλθε τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ καὶ ἐκάλει ἐπὶ ξένια ἐς
τὰ βασίλεια, ζηλωτὸν ἀποπέμψειν φάσκων ἐς
Ἐλληνας, ὁ δὲ ἐπήνει μὲν ταῦτα, οὐ μὴν ἐπιδώσειν
γε ἑαυτὸν ἔφασκεν ἀνδρὶ μηδὲν ὄμοιφ, καὶ ἄλλως

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now proceed to quaff the good cheer provided by CHAP.
Tantalus, and let us sleep over the serious issues XXXII
which we have to discuss to-night. But at another time I will fill you full with Hellenic arguments, and no other race is so rich in them, and you will delight in them whenever you come hither." And forthwith he set an example to his fellow-guests by stooping the first of them all to the goblet, which indeed furnished an ample draught for all; for the stream refilled itself plenteously, as if with spring waters welling up from the ground; and Apollonius also drank, for this cup is instituted by the Indians as a cup of friendship; and they feign that Tantalus is the wine-bearer who supplies it, because he is considered to have been the most friendly of men.

XXXIII

AND when they had drunk, the earth received them on the couches which she had spread for them; but when it was midnight they rose up and first they sang a hymn to the ray of light, suspended aloft in the air as they had been at midday; and then they attended the king, as long as he desired. Damis, however, says that Apollonius was not present at the king's conversation with them, because he thought that the interview had to do with secrets of state. Having then at daybreak offered his sacrifice, the king approached Apollonius and offered him the hospitality of his palace, declaring that he would send him back to Greece an object of envy to all. But he commended him for his kindness, nevertheless he excused himself from

CHAP.
XXXIII
Apollonius
refuses the
king's offer
of
hospitality

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CAP. XXXIII πλείω χρόνον ἀποδημῶν τοῦ εἰκότος αἰσχύνεσθαι τοὺς οἴκου φίλους ὑπερορᾶσθαι δοκοῦντας. ἀντιβολεῖν δὲ τοῦ βασιλέως φάσκοντος, καὶ ἀνελευθέρως ἥδη προσκειμένου, “βασιλεύς,” ἔφη, “ταπεινότερον αὐτοῦ περὶ ὃν αἵτει διαλεγόμενος ἐπιβουλεύει.” προσελθὼν οὖν ὁ Ἰάρχας, “ἀδικεῖς,” εἶπεν, “ὦ βασιλεῦ, τὸν ἱερὸν οἴκου, ἀπάγων ἐνθένδε ἄνδρα ἄκοντα, καὶ ἄλλως τῶν προγυνωσκόντων οὗτος ὃν οἰδε τὴν ξυνουσίαν ἀντῷ τὴν πρὸς σὲ μὴ ἐπ’ ἀγαθῷ τῷ ἑαυτοῦ ἐσομένην, ἵσως δὲ οὐδ’ αντῷ σοι χρηστόν τι ἔξουσαν.”

XXXIV

CAP. XXXIV ‘Ο μὲν δὴ κατήει ἐς τὴν κώμην, ὁ γὰρ θεσμὸς τῶν σοφῶν οὐ ξυνεχώρει τῷ βασιλεῖ ξυνεῖναι σφισιν ὑπὲρ μίαν ἡμέραν, ὁ δὲ Ἰάρχας πρὸς τὸν ἄγγελον, “καὶ Δάμιν,” εἶπε, “τῶν δεῦρο ἀπορρήτων ἀξιοῦμεν καὶ ἡκέτω, τῶν δὲ ἄλλων ἐπιμελοῦ ἐν τῇ κώμῃ.” Ως δὲ ἀφίκετο, ξυνιζήσαντες, ὕσπερ εἰώθεσαν, ξυνεχώρουν τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ ἐρωτᾶν, ἥρετό τε ἐκ τίνων ξυγκεῖσθαι τὸν κόσμον ἡγοῦντο, οἱ δὲ ἔφασαν, “ἐκ στοιχείων.” “μῶν,” ἔφη, “τεττάρων;” “οὐ τεττάρων,” ἔφη ὁ Ἰάρχας, “ἄλλὰ πέντε.” “καὶ τί ἄν,” ἔφη, “πέμπτον γένοιτο παρὰ τὸ ὅδωρ τε καὶ τὸν ἀέρα καὶ τὴν γῆν καὶ τὸ

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inflicting himself upon one with whom he was on no sort of equality ; moreover, he said that he had been longer abroad than he liked, and that he scrupled to give his friends at home cause to think they were being neglected. The king thereupon said that he entreated him, and assumed such an undignified attitude in urging his request, that Apollonius said : "A king who insists upon his request in such terms at the expense of his dignity, is laying a trap." Thereupon Iarchas intervened and said : " You wrong, O king, this sacred abode by trying to drag away from it a man against his will ; and moreover, being one of those who can read the future, he is aware that his staying with you would not conduce to his own good, and would probably not be in any way profitable to yourself."

CHAP.
XXXIII

XXXIV

THE king accordingly went down into the village, for the law of the sages did not allow a king to be with them more than one day ; but Iarchas said to the messenger : " We admit Damis also hither to our mysteries ; so let him come, but do you look after the rest of them in the village." And when Damis arrived, they sat down together, as they were wont to do, and they allowed Apollonius to ask questions ; and he asked them of what they thought the cosmos was composed ; but they answered : " Of elements." " Are there then four ? " he asked. " Not four," said Iarchas, " but five." " And how can there be a fifth," said Apollonius, " alongside of water and air

CHAP.
XXXIV

The Sages
teach that
the cosmos
is alive

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CAP.
XXXIV πῦρ; ” “ ὁ αἰθήρ,” εἶπεν, “ δὸν ἡγεῖσθαι χρὴ γένεσιν θεῶν εἶναι, τὰ μὲν γὰρ τοῦ ἀέρος ἔλκοντα θυητὰ πάντα, τὰ δὲ τοῦ αἰθέρος ἀθάνατά τε καὶ θεῖα.” πάλιν ἤρετο, τί τῶν στοιχείων πρῶτον γένοιτο, ὁ δὲ Ἰάρχας, “ ὄμοῦ,” ἔφη, “ πάντα, τὸ γὰρ ζῷον κατὰ μέρος οὐ τίκτεται.” “ ζῷον,” ἔφη, “ ἡγῶμαι τὸν κόσμον; ” “ ἦν γε,” ἔφη, “ ὑγιῶς γιγνώσκης, αὐτὸς γὰρ ζωογονεῖ πάντα.” “ θῆλυν,” εἶπεν, “ αὐτὸν καλῶμεν ἢ τῆς ἄρσενός τε καὶ ἀντικειμένης φύσεως; ” “ ἀμφοῦν,” ἔφη, “ αὐτὸς γὰρ αὐτῷ ξυγγιγνόμενος τὰ μητρός τε καὶ πατρὸς ἐς τὴν ζωογονίαν πράττει, ἔρωτά τε ἑαυτοῦ ἵσχει θερμότερον ἢ ἔτερόν τι ἔτέρου, δις ἀρμόττει αὐτὸν καὶ ξυνίστησιν ἀπεικὸς δὲ οὐδὲν ἑαυτῷ ξυμφύεσθαι. καὶ ὥσπερ χειρῶν τε καὶ ποδῶν ἔργον πεποίηται ἢ τοῦ ζῴου κίνησις καὶ ὁ ἐν αὐτῷ νοῦς, ὑφ' οὐ ὄρμᾶ, οὕτως ἡγώμεθα καὶ τὰ μέρη τοῦ κόσμου διὰ τὸν ἐκείνου νοῦν ἐπιτήδεια παρέχειν αὐτὰ τοῖς τικτομένοις τε καὶ κυουμένοις πᾶσι. καὶ γὰρ τὰ πάθη τὰ ἔξ αὐχμῶν φοιτῶντα κατὰ τὸν ἐκείνου φοιτῷ νοῦν, ἐπειδὰν ἐκπεσοῦσα ἢ δίκη τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἀτίμως πράττῃ, ποιμαίνεται τε χειρὶ οὐ μᾶς τόδε τὸ ζῷον, ἀλλὰ πολλαῖς τε καὶ ἀρρήτοις, αἷς χρῆται, ἀχαλίνωτον μὲν διὰ μέγεθος, εὐήνιον δὲ κινεῖται καὶ εὐάγωγον.

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and earth and fire?" "There is the ether," replied CHAP.
the other, "which we must regard as the stuff of XXXIV
which gods are made; for just as all mortal creatures
inhale the air, so do immortal and divine natures
inhale the ether." Apollonius again asked which
was the first of the elements, and Iarchas answered:
"All are simultaneous, for a living creature is not
born bit by bit." "Am I," said Apollonius, "to
regard the universe as a living creature?" "Yes,"
said the other, "if you have a sound knowledge of
it, for it engenders all living things." "Shall I
then," said Apollonius, "call the universe female, or
of both the male and the opposite gender?" "Of
both genders," said the other, "for by commerce with
itself it fulfils the rôle both of mother and father
in bringing forth living creatures; and it is possessed
by a love for itself more intense than any separate
being has for its fellow, a passion which knits it
together into harmony. And it is not illogical to
suppose that it cleaves unto itself; for as the move-
ment of an animal is obtained by use of its hands
and feet, and as there is a soul in it by which it is
set in motion, so we must regard the parts of the uni-
verse also as adapting themselves through its inherent
soul to all creatures which are brought forth or
conceived. For example, the sufferings so often
caused by drought are visited on us in accordance with
the soul of the universe, whenever justice has fallen
into disrepute and is disowned by men; and this
animal shepherds itself not with a single hand only,
but with many mysterious ones, which it has at its
disposal; and though from its immense size it is
controlled by no other, yet it moves obediently to
the rein and is easily guided.

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XXXV

CAP.
XXXV “*Kai παράδειγμα μὲν οὐκ οἰδ’ ὅ τι ἀρκέσει τῷ λόγῳ μεγίστῳ τε ὄντι καὶ πρόσω ἐννοίας, ὑποκείσθω δὲ ναῦς, οἶαν Αἴγυπτιοι ξυντιθέντες ἐς τὴν θάλατταν τὴν ἡμεδαπὴν ἀφιᾶσιν, ἀγωγίμων Ἰνδικῶν ἀντιδιδόντες Αἴγυπτια· θεσμοῦ γὰρ παλαιοῦ περὶ τὴν Ἐρυθρὰν ὄντος, ὃν βασιλεὺς Ἐρύθρας ἐνόμισεν, ὅτε τῆς θαλάττης ἐκείνης ἥρχε, μακρῷ μὲν πλοίῳ μὴ ἐσπλεῖν ἐς αὐτὴν Αἴγυπτίους, στρογγύλῃ δ’ αὐν μιᾷ μηὶ χρῆσθαι, σοφίζονται πλοίον Αἴγυπτιοι πρὸς πολλὰ τῶν παρ’ ἔτέροις, καὶ παραπλευρώσαντες αὐτὸ ἀρμονίαις, ὅπόσαι ναῦν ξυνιστάσι, τοίχοις τε ὑπεράραντες καὶ ἵστῳ καὶ πηξάμενοι πλείους οἰκίας, οἵας ἐπὶ τῶν σελμάτων, πολλοὶ μὲν κυβερνήται τῆς νεῶς ταύτης ὑπὸ τῷ πρεσβυτάτῳ τε καὶ σοφωτάτῳ πλέουσι, πολλοὶ δὲ κατὰ πρῷραν ἄρχοντες ἄριστοί τε καὶ δεξιοὶ ναῦται καὶ πρὸς ἴστια πηδῶντες, ἔστι δέ τι τῆς νεῶς ταύτης καὶ ὄπλιτεύον, πρὸς γὰρ τοὺς κολπίτας βαρβάρους, οἱ ἐν δεξιᾷ τοῦ ἐσπλοου κεῦνται, παρατάττεσθαι δεῖ τὴν ναῦν, ὅτε ληίζοιντο αὐτὴν ἐπιπλέοντες. τοῦτο ἡγώμεθα καὶ περὶ τόνδε τὸν κόσμον εἰναι, θεωροῦντες αὐτὸν πρὸς τὸ τῆς ναυτιλίας σχῆμα, τὴν μὲν γὰρ δὴ πρώτην καὶ τελεωτάτην ἔδραν ἀποδοτέον θεῷ γενέτορι τοῦδε τοῦ ζώου,*

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XXXV

“ AND the subject is so vast and so far transcends our mental powers, that I do not know any example adequate to illustrate it ; but we will take that of a ship, such as the Egyptians construct for our seas and launch for the exchange of Egyptian goods against Indian wares. For there is an ancient law in regard to the Red Sea, which the king Erythras laid down, when he held sway over that sea, to the effect that the Egyptians should not enter it with a vessel of war, and indeed should employ only a single merchant ship. This regulation obliged the Egyptians to contrive a ship equivalent to several at once of those which other races have ; and they ribbed the sides of this ship with bolts such as hold a ship together, and they raised its bulwarks and its mast to a great height, and they constructed several compartments, such as are built upon the timber balks which run athwart a ship, and they set several pilots in this boat and subordinated them to the oldest and wisest of their number, to conduct the voyage ; and there were several officers on the prow and excellent and handy sailors to man the sails ; and in the crew of this ship there was a detachment of armed men, for it is necessary to equip the ship and protect it against the savages of the Gulf that live on the right hand as you enter it, in case they should ever attack and plunder it on the high seas. Let us apply this imagery to the universe, and regard it in the light of a naval construction ; for then you must apportion the first and supreme position to God the begetter of this animal, and subordinate posts to the gods

CHAP.
XXXV

Comparison
of the
world to
a ship

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP.
XXXV τὴν δὲ ἐπ’ ἐκείνη θεοῖς, οἳ τὰ μέρη αὐτοῦ κυβερνῶσι, καὶ τῶν γε ποιητῶν ἀποδεχώμεθα, ἐπειδὰν πολλοὺς μὲν φάσκωσιν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ θεοὺς εἶναι, πολλοὺς δὲ ἐν θαλάττῃ, πολλοὺς δὲ ἐν πηγαῖς τε καὶ νάμασι, πολλοὺς δὲ περὶ γῆν, εἶναι δὲ καὶ ὑπὸ γῆν τινας. τὸν δὲ ὑπὸ γῆν τόπου, εἴπερ ἔστιν, ἐπειδὴ φρικώδη αὐτὸν καὶ φθαρτικὸν ὅδουσιν, ἀποτάττωμεν τοῦ κόσμου.”

XXXVI

CAP.
XXXVI Ταῦτα τοῦ Ἰνδοῦ διελθόντος, ἐκπεσεῖν ὁ Δάμις ἔαυτοῦ φησιν ὑπ’ ἐκπλήξεως, καὶ ἀναβοῆσαι μέγα, μὴ γὰρ ἂν ποτε νομίσαι ἄνδρα Ἰνδὸν ἐς τοῦτο ἐλάσαι γλώττης Ἐλλάδος, μηδὲ ἂν, εἰπερ τὴν γλώτταν ἡπίστατο, τοσῆδε εὐροίᾳ καὶ ὥρᾳ διελθεῖν ταῦτα. ἐπαινεῖ δὲ αὐτοῦ καὶ βλέμμα καὶ μειδίαμα καὶ τὸ μὴ ἀθεεῖ δοκεῖν ἐκφέρειν τὰς δόξας. τὸν τοι Ἀπολλώνιον εὐσχημόνως τε καὶ ἀψοφητὶ τοῖς λόγοις χρώμενον ὅμως ἐπιδοῦναι μετὰ τον Ἰνδὸν τοῦτον, καὶ ὅπου καθήμενος διαλέγοιτο, θαμὰ δὲ τοῦτο ἐπραττε, προσεοικέναι τῷ Ἰάρχᾳ.

XXXVII

CAP.
XXXVII Ἐπαινεσάντων δὲ τῶν ἄλλων πρὸς τῇ φωνῇ τὰ εἰρημένα, πάλιν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος ἥρετο, πότερα τὴν θάλατταν μείζω ἥγοντο ἢ τὴν γῆν, ὁ δὲ Ἰάρχας,

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who govern its parts ; and we may well assent to the CHAP.
statements of the poets, when they say that there XXXV
are many gods in heaven and many in the sea, and
many in the fountains and streams, and many round
about the earth, and that there are some even under
the earth. But we shall do well to separate from the
universe the region under the earth, if there is one,
because the poets represent it as an abode of terror
and corruption."

XXXVI

As the Indian concluded this discourse, Damis CHAP.
says that he was transported with admiration and XXXVI
applauded loudly ; for he could never have thought Damis
that a native of India could show such mastery of Iarchas
the Greek tongue, nor even that, supposing he
understood that language, he could have used it with
so much ease and elegance. And he praises the
look and smile of Iarchas, and the inspired air with
which he expressed his ideas, admitting that Apollonius,
although he had a delivery as graceful as it was
free from bombast, nevertheless gained a great deal
by contact with this Indian, and he says that when-
ever he sat down to discuss a theme, as he very often
did, he resembled Iarchas.

XXXVII .

As the rest of the company praised no less the CHAP.
contents of Iarchas' speech than the tone in which XXXVII
he spoke, Apollonius resumed by asking him, which Relation
they considered the bigger, the sea or the land ; and of sea to
earth

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP.
XXXVII "εἰ μὲν πρὸς τὴν θάλατταν," ἔφη, "ἡ γῆ ἐξετάζοιτο,
μείζων ἔσται, τὴν γὰρ θάλατταν αὕτη ἔχει, εἰ δὲ
πρὸς πᾶσαν τὴν ὑγρὰν οὐσίαν θεωροῦτο, ἥττω τὴν
γῆν ἀποφαινοίμεθα ἄν, καὶ γὰρ ἐκείνην τὸ ὕδωρ
φέρει."

XXXVIII

CAP.
XXXVIII Μεταξὺ δὲ τῶν λόγων τούτων ἐφίσταται τοῖς
σοφοῖς ὁ ἄγγελος Ἰνδοὺς ἄγων σωτηρίας δεομένους.
καὶ παρῆγε γύναιον ἵκετεῦον ὑπὲρ παιδός, ὃν ἔφασκε
μὲν ἐκκαίδεκα ἔτη γεγονέναι, δαιμονᾶν δὲ δύο ἔτη,
τὸ δὲ ἡθος τοῦ δαίμονος εἴρωνα εἶναι καὶ ψεύστην.
ἐρομένου δέ τινος τῶν σοφῶν, ὅπόθεν λέγοι ταῦτα,
"τοῦ παιδὸς τούτου," ἔφη, "τὴν ὄψιν εὐπρεπεστέ-
ρουν ὅντος ὁ δαίμων ἐρᾶ, καὶ οὐ ξυγχωρεῖ αὐτῷ νοῦν
ἔχειν, οὐδὲ ἐς διδασκάλου βαδίσαι ἐᾷ ἡ τοξότου,
οὐδὲ οἴκοι εἶναι, ἀλλ' ἐς τὰ ἔρημα τῶν χωρίων ἐκ-
τρέπει, καὶ οὐδὲ τὴν φωνὴν ὁ παῖς τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ᔁχει,
ἀλλὰ βαρὺ φθέγγεται καὶ κοῖλον, ὥσπερ οἱ ἄνδρες,
βλέπει δὲ ἐτέροις ὁφθαλμοῖς μᾶλλον ἡ τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ.
κάγὼ μὲν ἐπὶ τούτοις κλάω τε καὶ ἐμαυτὴν δρύπτω
καὶ νουθετῶ τὸν νιόν, ὅπόσα εἰκός, ὁ δὲ οὐκ οἰδέ
με. διανοούμένης δέ μου τὴν ἐνταῦθα ὁδόν, τουτὶ
δὲ πέρυσι διενοήθην, ἐξηγόρευσεν ὁ δαίμων ἑαυτὸν
ὑποκριτῆ χρώμενος τῷ παιδί, καὶ δῆτα ἔλεγεν εἶναι
μὲν εἰδωλον ἀνδρός, ὃς πολέμῳ ποτὲ ἀπέθανεν, ἀπο-
θανεῖν δὲ ἐρῶν τῆς ἑαυτοῦ γυναικός, ἐπεὶ δὲ ἡ

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Iarchas replied : " If the land be compared with the sea, it will be found to be bigger, for it includes the sea in itself ; but if it be considered in relation to the entire mass of water, we can show that the earth is the lesser of the two, for it is upheld by the water."

CHAP.
XXXVII

XXXVIII

THIS discussion was interrupted by the appearance among the sages of the messenger bringing in certain Indians who were in want of succour. And he brought forward a poor woman who interceded in behalf of her child, who was, she said, a boy of sixteen years of age, but had been for two years possessed by a devil. Now the character of the devil was that of a mocker and a liar. Here one of the sages asked, why she said this, and she replied : " This child of mine is extremely good-looking, and therefore the devil is amorous of him and will not allow him to retain his reason, nor will he permit him to go to school, or to learn archery, nor even to remain at home, but drives him out into desert places. And the boy does not even retain his own voice, but speaks in a deep hollow tone, as men do ; and he looks at you with other eyes rather than with his own. As for myself I weep over all this, and I tear my cheeks, and I rebuke my son so far as I well may ; but he does not know me. And I made up my mind to repair hither, indeed I planned to do so a year ago ; only the demon discovered himself, using my child as a mask, and what he told me was this, that he was the ghost of a man, who fell long ago in battle, but that at death he was passionately

CHAP.
XXXVIII
Apollonius
heals a
demonic
boy

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CAP. **XXXVIII** γυνὴ περὶ τὴν εὐνὴν ὕβρισε τριταίου κειμένου γα-
μηθεῖσα ἐτέρῳ, μισῆσαι μὲν ἐκ τούτου τὸ γυναικῶν
ἔραν, μεταρρυῆναι δὲ ἐς τὸν παῖδα τοῦτον. ὑπ-
ισχνεῖτο δέ, εἰ μὴ διαβάλλοιμι αὐτὸν πρὸς ὑμᾶς,
δώσειν τῷ παιδὶ πολλὰ ἐσθλὰ καὶ ἀγαθά. ἐγὼ
μὲν δὴ ἔπαθόν τι πρὸς ταῦτα, οὐ δὲ διάγει με πολὺν
ἡδη χρόνον καὶ τὸν ἐμὸν οἰκον ἔχει μόνος, οὐδὲν
μέτριον οὐδὲ ἀληθὲς φρουῶν.” ἥρετο οὖν ὁ σοφὸς
πάλιν, εἰ πλησίον εἴη ὁ παῖς, ή δὲ οὐκ ἔφη, πολλὰ
μὲν γὰρ ὑπὲρ τοῦ ἀφικέσθαι αὐτὸν πρᾶξαι, “ὁ δ’
ἀπειλεῖ κρημνοὺς καὶ βάραθρα καὶ ἀποκτενεῦν μοι
τὸν υἱόν, εἰ δικαζοίμην αὐτῷ δεῦρο.” “Θάρσει,”
ἔφη ὁ σοφός, “οὐ γὰρ ἀποκτενεῖ αὐτὸν ἀναγυνοὺς
ταῦτα,” καὶ τινα ἐπιστολὴν ἀνασπάσας τοῦ κόλ-
που ἔδωκε τῇ γυναικί, ἐπέσταλτο δὲ ἄρα ἡ ἐπι-
στολὴ πρὸς τὸ εἴδωλον ξὺν ἀπειλῇ καὶ ἐκπλήξει.

XXXIX

CAP. **XXXIX** Καὶ μὴν καὶ χωλεύων τις ἀφίκετο, γεγονὼς μὲν
ἡδη τριάκοντα ἔτη, λεόντων δὲ θηρατῆς δεινός,
ἐμπεπτωκότος δὲ αὐτῷ λέοντος ὠλισθήκει τὸν
γλουτὸν καὶ τοῦ σκέλους ἐτέρως εἶχεν. ἀλλ’ αἱ
χεῖρες αὐτῷ καταψῶσαι τὸν γλουτόν, ἐς ὁρθὸν τοῦ
βαδίσματος ὁ νεανίας ἥλθε. καὶ ὀφθαλμῷ δέ τις
ἐρρυηκὼς ἀπῆλθε πᾶν ἔχων τὸ ἐν αὐτοῖς φῶς, καὶ
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attached to his wife. Now he had been dead for CHAP.
only three days when their union by XXXVIII
marrying another man, and the consequence was
that he had come to detest the love of women, and
had transferred himself wholly into this boy. But he
promised, if I would only not denounce him to yourselves,
to endow the child with many noble blessings.
As for myself, I was influenced by these promises;
but he has put me off and off for such a long time
now, that he has got sole control of my household,
yet has no honest or true intentions." Here the sage
asked afresh, if the boy was at hand; and she said
not, for, although she had done all she could to get
him to come with her, the demon had threatened
her with steep places and precipices and declared
that he would kill her son, "in case," she added, "I
haled him hither for trial." "Take courage," said
the sage, "for he will not slay him when he has read
this." And so saying he drew a letter out of his
bosom and gave it to the woman; and the letter, it
appears, was addressed to the ghost and contained
threats of an alarming kind.

XXXIX

THERE also arrived a man who was lame. He CHAP.
already thirty years old was a keen hunter of lions;
but a lion had sprung upon him and dislocated
his hip so that he limped with one leg. However
when they massaged with their hands his hip, the
youth immediately recovered his upright gait. And
another man had had his eyes put out, and he went
away having recovered the sight of both of them. Cure of a
A lame man healed blind man

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CAP.
XXXIX ἄλλος τὴν χεῖρα ἀδρανῆς ὡν, ἐγκρατής ὥχετο.
γυνὴ δέ τις ἐπτὰ ἥδη γαστέρας δυστοκοῦσα δεομέ-
νου ὑπὲρ αὐτῆς τάνδρὸς ὡδεὶς οὐάθη· τὸν ἄνδρα ἐκέ-
λευσεν, ἐπειδὰν τίκτη ἡ γυνή, λαγὼν ὑπὸ κόλπῳ
ζῶντα ἐσφέρεσθαι οὖν τίκτει, καὶ περιελθόντα αὐτὴν
ἀφεῖναι ὁμοῦ τὸν λαγών, συνεκδοθῆναι γὰρ ἀν τῷ
ἐμβρύῳ τὴν μήτραν, εἰ μὴ ὁ λαγὼς αὐτίκα ἔξενε-
χθείη θύραζε.

XL

CAP.
XL Πατρὸς δ' αὐτὸς εἰπόντος, ως γένοιντο μὲν
αὐτῷ παῖδες, ἀποθάνοιεν δὲ ὁμοῦ τῷ ἄρξασθαι
οἴνου πίνειν, ὑπολαβὼν εἰπειν ὁ Ἰάρχας, “καὶ
βελτίους ἀποθανόντες ἐγένοντο, οὐ γὰρ ἀν διέ-
φυγον τὸ μὴ μανῆναι, θερμοτέρων, ως φαίνεται,
σπερμάτων φύντες. οἴνου μὲν οὖν ἀφεκτέον τοῖς
ἔξι ὑμῶν, ως δὲ μηδὲ ἐστιθυμίαν ποτὲ οἴνου κατα-
σταῖεν, εἴ σοι πάλιν παιδίον γένοιτο, γέγονε δὲ
ἐβδόμην ἡμέραν, ως ὅρῶ, τὴν γλαῦκα τὴν ὅρνιν
χρὴ ἐπιφυλάττειν, οὐ νεοττεύει, καὶ τὰ φὰ σπά-
σαντα δοῦναι μασᾶσθαι τῷ βρέφει συμμέτρως
ἔψοντα, εἰ γὰρ βρώσεται τι τούτων, πρὶν οἴνου
γεύσεται, μῆσος αὐτῷ πρὸς τὸν οἴνον ἐμφύσεται,
καὶ σωφρονέστατα διακείσεται, μόνου ξυγκεκρα-
μένος τοῦ ἐν τῇ φύσει θερμοῦ.”

Τούτων οὖν ἐμπιπλάμενοι καὶ τοὺς ἄνδρας ἐκ-
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Yet another man had his hand paralysed, but left CHAP.
their presence in full possession of the limb. And a ^{XXXIX}
certain woman had suffered in labour already seven ^{Of a}
times, but was healed in the following way through ^{paralytic}
the intercession of her husband. He bade the man, ^{Of a}
whenever his wife should be about to bring forth her ^{woman by}
next child, to enter her chamber carrying in his ^{means of a}
bosom a live hare; then he was to walk once round ^{live hare}
her and at the same moment to release the hare; for that the womb would be expelled together with
the foetus, unless the hare was at once driven out.

XL

AND again a certain man who was a father said CHAP.
that he had had several sons, but that they had ^{XL}
died the moment they began to drink wine. Larchas ^{Of sons}
took him up and said: "Yes, and it is just as ^{who died}
well they did die, for they would inevitably have ^{through}
gone mad, having inherited, as it appears, from their ^{drinking}
parents too warm a temperament. Your children," ^{wine}
he added, "must therefore abstain from wine, but in
order that they may be never led even to desire wine,
supposing you should have another boy, and I per-
ceive you had one only six days ago, you must care-
fully watch the hen owl and find where it builds its
nest; then you must snatch its eggs and give them to
the child to chew after boiling them properly; for if
it is fed upon these, before it tastes wine, a distaste
for wine will be bred in it, and it will keep sober by
your excluding from its temperament any but natural
warmth."

With such lore as this then they surfeited

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CAP.
XXI

CAP.
XL. πληγτόμενοι, τῆς ἐς πάντα σοφίας παμπόλλους
όσημέραι λόγους ἡρώτων, πολλοὺς δὲ καὶ αὐτοὶ
ἡρωτῶντο.

XLI

CAP.
XL. Τῆς μὲν οὖν διαλεκτικῆς ξυνουσίας ἄμφω μετ-
εῖχον, τὰς δὲ ἀπορρήτους σπουδάς, αἱς ἀστρικὴν
ἢ μαντείαν κατενόουν καὶ τὴν πρόγνωσιν ἐσπού-
δαζον, θυσιῶν τε ἥπτοντο καὶ κλήσεων, αἱς θεοὶ¹
χαίρουσι, μόνον φησὶν ὁ Δάμις τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον
ξυμφιλοσοφεῖν τῷ Ἱάρχῳ, καὶ ξυγγράψαι μὲν
ἐκεῖθεν περὶ μαντείας ἀστέρων βίβλους τέτταρας,
ῶν καὶ Μοιραγένης ἐπεμνήσθη, ξυγγράψαι δὲ περὶ¹
θυσιῶν καὶ ὡς ἄν τις ἔκαστῳ θεῷ προσφόρως τε
καὶ κεχαριτούμενως θύοι. τὰ μὲν δὴ τῶν ἀστέρων
καὶ τὴν τοιαύτην μαντικὴν πᾶσαν ὑπὲρ τὴν
ἀνθρωπείαν ἡγοῦμαι φύσιν, καὶ οὐδὲ εἰ κέκτηται
τις οἶδα, τὸ δὲ περὶ θυσιῶν ἐν πολλοῖς μὲν ἴεροῖς
εὑρον, ἐν πολλαῖς δὲ πόλεσι, πολλοῖς δὲ ἀνδρῶν
σοφῶν οἴκοις, καὶ τοι,¹ ἄν τις ἐρμηνεύοι αὐτό, σεμνῶς
ξυντεταγμένον καὶ κατὰ τὴν ἡχὴν τοῦ ἀνδρός.
Φησὶ δὲ ὁ Δάμις καὶ δακτυλίους ἐπτὰ τὸν Ἱάρχαν

¹ Kayser reads: καὶ τί ἔν, which is unintelligible.

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themselves, and they were astonished at the many-sided wisdom of the company, and day after day they asked all sorts of questions, and were themselves asked many in turn.

CHAP.
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XLI

BOTH Apollonius and Damis then took part in the interviews devoted to abstract discussions; not so with the conversations devoted to occult themes, in which they pondered the nature of astronomy or divination, and considered the question of fore-knowledge, and handled the problems of sacrifice and of the invocations in which the gods take pleasure. In these Damis says that Apollonius alone partook of the philosophic discussion together with Iarchas, and that he embodied the results in four books concerning divination by the stars, a work which Moiragenes has mentioned. And Damis says that he composed a work on the way to offer sacrifice to the several gods in a manner suitable and pleasing to them. Not only then do I regard the work on the science of the stars and the whole subject of such divination as transcending human nature, but I do not even know if anyone has these works; but I found the treatise on sacrifices in several temples, and in several cities, and in the houses of several learned men; moreover if anyone who should translate¹ it, he would find it to be a grave and dignified composition, and one that rings of the author's personality? And Damis says that

Apollonius' work on astral divination mentioned by Moiragenes

His work on sacrifice

¹ In Bk. IV. ch. 19, we are told that this book was written in the Cappadocian tongue. Hence the need of translation.

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CAP. τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ δοῦναι τῶν ἐπτὰ ἐπωνύμους
XLII ἀστέρων, οὓς φορεῖν τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον κατὰ ἕνα πρὸς
τὰ ὄνόματα τῶν ἡμερῶν.

XLII

CAP. Περὶ δὲ προγνώσεως λόγου αὐτοῖς ποτε ὅντος,
XLII καὶ τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου προσκειμένου τῇ σοφίᾳ
ταύτῃ, καὶ τὰς πλείους τῶν διαλέξεων ἐς τοῦτο
ξυντείνοντος, ἐπαινῶν αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰάρχας, “οἱ
μαντικῆς,” ἔφη, “χαίροντες, ὡς χρηστὴ Ἀπολλώνιε,
θεῖοί τε ὑπ’ αὐτῆς γίγνονται καὶ πρὸς σωτηρίαν
ἀνθρώπων πράττουσι. τὸ γάρ, ἂν χρὴ ἐς θεοῦ
ἀφικόμενον εὑρέσθαι, ταῦτα αὖ, ὡς χρηστέ, ἐφ’
ἔαυτοῦ προιδέσθαι προειπεῖν τε ἐτέροις, ἂν μήπω
ἰσασι, πανολβίου τινὸς ἥγοῦμαι καὶ ταῦτὸν
ἰσχύοντος τῷ Ἀπόλλωνι τῷ Δελφικῷ. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἡ
τέχνη τοὺς ἐς θεοῦ φοιτῶντας ἐπὶ τῷ χρήσασθαι
καθαροὺς κελεύει βαδίζοντας φοιτᾶν, ἡ “ἔξιθι τοῦ
νεὼ” πρὸς αὐτοὺς ἔρει, δοκεῖ μοι καὶ τὸν προγνω-
σόμενον ἄνδρα ὑγιῶς ἔαυτοῦ ἔχειν, καὶ μήτε κηλίδα
προσμεμάχθαι τῇ ψυχῇ μηδεμίαν, μήτε οὐλὰς
ἀμαρτημάτων ἐντετυπώσθαι τῇ γυώμῃ, καθαρῶς
δὲ αὐτὸν προφητεύειν ἔαυτοῦ καὶ τοῦ περὶ τῷ
στέρνῳ τρίποδος συνιέντα· γεγωνότερον γάρ οὔτω
καὶ ἀληθέστερον τὰ λόγια ἐκδώσει. ὅθεν οὐ χρὴ
θαυμάζειν, εἰ καὶ σὺ τὴν ἐπιστήμην ξυνείληφας
τοσοῦτον ἐν τῇ ψυχῇ φέρων αἰθέρα.”

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Iarchas gave seven rings to Apollonius named after CHAP.
the seven stars, and that Apollonius wore each of ^{XLI}
these in turn on the day of the week which bore its
name.

XLII

As to the subject of foreknowledge, they presently CHAP.
had a talk about it, for Apollonius was devoted to this ^{XLII}
kind of lore, and turned most of their conversations
on to it. For this Iarchas praised him and said :
" My good friend Apollonius, those who take
pleasure in divination, are rendered divine thereby
and contribute to the salvation of mankind. For
here we have discoveries which we must go to a
divine oracle in order to make ; yet these, my good
friend, we foresee of our unaided selves and foretell
to others things which they know not yet. This
I regard as the gift of one thoroughly blessed and
endowed with the same mysterious power as the
Delphic Apollo. Now the ritual insists that those
who visit a shrine with a view to obtaining a
response, must purify themselves first, otherwise
they will be told to " depart from the temple." "
Consequently I consider that one who would fore-
see events must be healthy in himself, and must
not have his soul stained with any sort of defile-
ment nor his character scarred with the wounds
of any sins ; so he will pronounce his predictions
with purity, because he will understand himself and
the sacred tripod in his breast, and with ever louder
and clearer tone and truer import will he utter his
oracles. Therefore you need not be surprised, if you
comprehend the science, seeing that you carry in
your soul so much ether."

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XLIII

CAP.
XLIII Καὶ χαριεντιζόμενος ἄμα πρὸς τὸν Δάμιν, “σὺ δὲ οὐδέν,” ἔφη, “προγιγνώσκεις, Ἀστύριε, καὶ ταῦτα ξυνὼν ἀνδρὶ τοιούτῳ;” “νὴ Δὲ,” εἶπε, “τά γε ἐμαυτῷ ἀναγκαῖα ἐπειδὴ γὰρ πρώτῳ ἐνέτυχον τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ τούτῳ, καὶ σοφίας μοι ἔδοξε πλέως δεινότητός τε καὶ σωφροσύνης καὶ τοῦ καρτερεῖν ὅρθως, ἐπεὶ δὲ καὶ μνημοσύνην ἐν αὐτῷ εἶδον, πολυμαθέστατόν τε καὶ φιλομαθίας ἡττω, δαιμόνιόν τί μοι ἐγένετο, καὶ ξυγγενόμενος αὐτῷ σοφὸς μὲν φήθη δόξειν ἐξ ἴδιώτου τε καὶ ἀσόφου, πεπαιδευμένος δὲ ἐκ βαρβάρου, ἐπόμενος δὲ αὐτῷ καὶ ξυσπουδάξων ὅψεσθαι μὲν Ἰνδούς, ὅψεσθαι δὲ ὑμᾶς, “Ελλησί τε ἐπιμέξειν” Ελλην ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ γενόμενος. τὰ μὲν δὴ ὑμέτερα περὶ μεγάλων ὅντα. Δελφοὺς ἥγεισθε καὶ Δωδώνην καὶ ὅ τι βούλεσθε, τάμα δέ, ἐπειδὴ Δάμις μὲν ὁ προγιγνώσκων αὐτά, προγιγνώσκει δὲ ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ μόνου, γραὸς ἐστω ἀγυρτρίας μαντευομένης ὑπὲρ προβατίων καὶ τῶν τοιούτων.”

XLIV

CAP.
XLIV Ἐπὶ τούτοις μὲν δὴ ἐγέλασαν οἱ σοφοὶ πάντες, καταστάντος δὲ τοῦ γέλωτος ἐπανῆγεν ὁ Ἰάρχας

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XLIII

AND with these words he turned to Damis and CHAP.
said playfully: "And you, O Assyrian, have you no XLIII
foreknowledge of anything, especially as you associate Damis'
with such a man as this?" "Yes, by Zeus," answered premon-
Damis, "at any rate of the things that are necessary itions
for myself; for when I first met with Apollonius here, he at once struck me as full of wisdom and cleverness and sobriety and of true endurance; but when I saw that he also had a good memory, and that he was very learned and entirely devoted to love of learning, he became to me something superhuman; and I came to the conclusion that if I stuck to him I should be held a wise man instead of an ignoramus and a dullard, and an educated man instead of a savage; and I saw that, if I followed him and shared his pursuits, I should visit the Indians and visit you, and that I should be turned into a Hellene by him and be able to mix with the Hellenes. Now of course you set your oracles, as they concern important issues, on a level with those of Delphi and Dodona and of any other shrine you like; as for my own premonitions, since Damis is the person who has them, and since his foreknowledge concerns himself alone, we will suppose that they resemble the guesses of an old beggar wife foretelling what will happen to sheep and such like."

XLIV

ALL the sages laughed of course at this sally, and CHAP.
when the laughter had subsided, Iarchas led back the XLIV

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CAP. έσ τὸν περὶ τῆς μαντικῆς λόγον, καὶ πολλὰ μὲν
XLIV αὐτὴν ἀγαθὰ ἔλεγε τοὺς ἀνθρώπους εἰργάσθαι,
μέγιστον δὲ τὸ τῆς ἴατρικῆς δῶρον· οὐ γὰρ ἄν
ποτε τοὺς σοφοὺς Ἀσκληπιάδας ἐσ ἐπιστήμην
τούτου παρελθεῖν, εἰ μὴ παῖς Ἀπόλλωνος Ἀσκλη-
πιὸς γενόμενος, καὶ κατὰ τὰς ἐκείνου φήμας τε
καὶ μαντείας ξυνθεὶς τὰ πρόσφορα ταῖς νόσοις
φάρμακα, παισί τε ἑαυτοῦ παρέδωκε, καὶ τοὺς
ξυνόντας ἐδιδάξατο, τίνας μὲν δεῖ προσάγειν πόας
ὑγροῖς ἔλκεσι, τίνας δὲ αὐχμηροῖς καὶ ξηροῖς,
ξυμμετρίας τε ποτίμων φαρμάκων, ὑφ' ὧν ὕδεροι
ἀποχετεύονται, καὶ αἷμα ἰσχεται, φθόαι τε παύ-
ονται καὶ τὰ οὔτω κοῖλα. καὶ τὰ τῶν ἰοβόλων
δὲ ἄκη καὶ τὸ τοῦς ἰοβόλους αὐτοῖς ἐσ πολλὰ τῶν
νοσημάτων χρῆσθαι τίς ἀφαιρήσεται τὴν μαντι-
κήν; οὐ γάρ μοι δοκοῦσιν ἄνευ τῆς προγυγνω-
σκούσης σοφίας θαρσῆσαι ποτε ἀνθρωποι τὰ
πάντων δλεθριώτατα φαρμάκων ἐγκαταμῖξαι τοῖς
σώζουσιν.

XLV

CAP. Ἐπεὶ δὲ καὶ ὅδε ὁ λόγος ἀναγέγραπται τῷ Δά-
XLV μιδι, σπουδασθεὶς ἐκεῖ περὶ τῶν ἐν Ἰνδοῖς μυθολο-
γιούμενων θηρίων τε καὶ πηγῶν καὶ ἀνθρώπων,
μηδὲ ἐμοὶ παραλειπέσθω, καὶ γὰρ κέρδος ἀν εἴη
μήτε πιστεύειν, μήτε ἀπιστεῖν πᾶσιν. ἥρετο γὰρ
δὴ ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, “ἔστι τι ζῷον ἐνταῦθα μαρτι-

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argument to the subject of divination, and among CHAP.
the many blessings which that art had conferred XLIV
upon mankind, he declared the gift of healing to be Divination
the most important. "For," said he, "the wise sons and
of Asclepius would have never attained to this medicine
branch of science, if Asclepius had not been the son
of Apollo; and as such had not in accordance with the
latter's responses and oracles concocted and adapted
different drugs to different diseases; these he not
only handed on to his own sons, but he taught his
companions what herbs must be applied to run-
ning wounds, and what to inflamed and dry wounds,
and in what doses to administer liquid drugs for
drinking, by means of which dropsical patients are
drained, and bleeding is checked, and diseases of
decay and the cavities due to their ravages are put an
end to. And who," he said, "can deprive the art of
divination of the credit of discovering simples which
heal the bites of venomous creatures, and in particular
of using the virus itself as a cure for many diseases?
For I do not think that men without the forecasts of
a prophetic wisdom would ever have ventured to
mingle with medicines that save life these most
deadly of poisons."

XL.V

AND inasmuch as the following conversation also CHAP.
has been recorded by Damis as having been held XLV
upon this occasion with regard to the mythological
animals and fountains and men met with in India, I
must not leave it out, for there is much to be gained
by neither believing nor yet disbelieving everything.
Accordingly Apollonius asked the question, whether
On the
mythical
animals of
India

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CAP. χόρας ;” ὁ δὲ Ἰάρχας, “καὶ τίνα,” ἔφη, “φύσιν τοῦ
XLV ζῷου τούτου ἥκουσας ; εἰκὸς γὰρ καὶ περὶ εἰδούς
αὐτοῦ τι λέγεσθαι.” “λέγεται,” εἶπε, “μεγάλα
καὶ ἅπιστα, τετράπουν μὲν γὰρ εἶναι αὐτό, τὴν
κεφαλὴν δὲ ἀνθρώπῳ εἰκάσθαι, λέοντι δὲ ὡμοιώ-
σθαι τὸ μέγεθος, τὴν δὲ οὐρὰν τοῦ θηρίου τούτου
πηχυαίας ἐκφέρειν καὶ ἀκανθώδεις τὰς τρίχας, ἃς
βάλλειν ὥσπερ τοξεύματα ἐς τοὺς θηρῶντας αὐτό.”
ἐρομένου δὲ αὐτοῦ καὶ περὶ τοῦ χρυσοῦ ὕδατος, ὃ
φασιν ἐκ πηγῆς βλύζειν, καὶ περὶ τῆς ψήφου τῆς
ἄπερ ἡ μαγνῆτις ποιούσης, ἀνθρώπων τε ὑπὸ γῆν
οἰκούντων καὶ πυγμαίων αὖ καὶ σκιαπόδων, ὑπο-
λαβὼν ὁ Ἰάρχας, “περὶ μὲν ζῷων ἡ φυτῶν,” εἶπεν,
“ἡ πηγῶν, ὧν αὐτὸς ἐνταῦθα ἥκων εἶδες, τί ἂν σοι
λέγοιμι ; σὸν γὰρ ἥδη νῦν ἐξηγεῖσθαι αὐτὰ ἐτέροις·
θηρίον δὲ τοξεύοντι ἡ χρυσοῦ πηγὰς ὕδατος οὕπω
ἐνταῦθα ἥκουσα.

XLVI

CAP.
XLVI “Περὶ μέντοι τῆς ψήφου τῆς ἐπισπωμενῆς τε
καὶ ξυνδούσης ἑαυτῇ λίθους ἐτέρας οὐ χρὴ ἀπιστεῖν·
ἔστι γάρ σοι καὶ ἵδεν τὴν λίθον, καὶ θαυμάσαι τὰ
ἐν αὐτῇ πάντα. γίγνεται μὲν γὰρ ἡ μεγίστη κατὰ
ὄνυχα δακτύλου τούτου,” δείξας τὸν ἑαυτοῦ ἀντί-
χειρα, “κυίσκεται δὲ ἐν γῇ κοίλῃ βάθος ὄργυιαὶ
τέτταρες, τοσοῦτον δὲ αὐτῇ περίεστι τὸν πνεύ-
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there was there an animal called the man-eater CHAP.
(martichoras); and Iarchas replied : “ And what have ^{XLV} you heard about the make of this animal ? For it is probable that there is some account given of its shape.” “ There are,” replied Apollonius, “ tall stories current which I cannot believe ; for they say that the creature has four feet, and that his head resembles that of a man, but that in size it is comparable to a lion ; while the tail of this animal puts out hairs a cubit long and sharp as thorns, which it shoots like arrows at those who hunt it.” And he further asked about the golden water which they say bubbles up from a spring, and about the stone which behaves like a magnet, and about the men who live underground and the pignies also and the shadow-footed men ; and Iarchas answered his questions thus : “ What have I to tell you about animals or plants or fountains which you have seen yourself on coming here ? For by this time you are as competent to describe these to other people as I am ; but I never yet heard in this country of an animal that shoots arrows or of springs of golden water.

XLVI

“ HOWEVER about the stone which attracts and binds to itself other stones you must not be sceptical ; CHAP. ^{XLVI} for you can see the stone yourself if you like, and admire its properties. For the greatest specimen is exactly of the size of this finger nail,” and here he pointed to his own thumb, “ and it is conceived in a hollow in the earth at a depth of four fathoms ; but it is so highly endowed with spirit, that the earth swells The Pantarbe stone

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CAP. ματος, ως ὑποιδεῖν τὴν γῆν καὶ κατὰ πολλὰ
XLVI ῥήγγυνσθαι κυισκομένης ἐν αὐτῇ τῆς λίθου. μα-
στεῦσαι δὲ αὐτὴν οὐδεὶν ἔξεστιν, ἀποδιδράσκει γάρ,
εἰ μὴ μετὰ λόγου ἀνασπῶτο· ἀλλ’ ἡμεῖς μόνοι τὰ
μὲν δράσαντες, τὰ δὲ εἰπόντες ἀναιρούμεθα τὴν
παντάρβην· διομα γὰρ αὐτῇ τοῦτο. νύκτωρ μὲν
οὖν ἡμέραν ἀναφαίνει, καθάπερ τὸ πῦρ, ἔστι γὰρ
πυρσὴ καὶ ἀκτινώδης, εἰ δὲ μεθ’ ἡμέραν ὄρφτο,
βάλλει τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς μαρμαρυγαῖς μυρίαις. τὸ
δὲ ἐν αὐτῇ φῶς πνεῦμα ἔστιν ἀρρήτου ἴσχύος, πᾶν
γὰρ τὸ ἐγγὺς ἐσποιεῖ αὐτῇ. τί λέγω τὸ ἐγγύς;
ἔστι σοι λίθους, ὁπόσας βούλει, καταποντῶσαί
ποι ἡ τῶν ποταμῶν ἡ τῆς θαλάττης, καὶ μηδὲ
ἐγγὺς ἀλλήλων, ἀλλὰ σποράδας καὶ ώς ἔτυχεν,
ἡ δὲ ἐις αὐτὰς καθιμηθεῖσα, ξυλλέγεται πάσας τῇ
τοῦ πνεύματος διαδόσει, καὶ ὑποκείσονται αὐτῇ
βιοτρυδὸν αἱ λίθοι, καθάπερ σμῆνος.”

XLVII

CAP. **XLVII** Καὶ εἰπὼν ταῦτα ἔδειξε τὴν λίθον αὐτήν τε καὶ
ὁπόσα ἐργάζεται. τοὺς δὲ πυγμαίους οἰκεῖν μὲν
ὑπογείους, κεῖσθαι δὲ ὑπὲρ τὸν Γάγγην, ζῶντας
τρόπον δις πᾶσιν εἴρηται, σκιάποδας δὲ ἀνθρώ-
πους ἡ μακροκεφάλους ἡ ὁπόσα Σκύλακος ἔνγ-
γραφαὶ περὶ τούτων ἔδουσιν, οὕτε ἄλλοσέ ποι βιο-
τεύειν τῆς γῆς οὔτε μὴν ἐν Ἰνδοῖς.

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and breaks open in many places when the stone is CHAP.
conceived in it. But no one can get hold of it, for it XLVI
runs away, unless it is scientifically attracted ; but we
alone can secure, partly by performance of certain
rites, and partly by certain forms of words, this
pantarbe, for such is the name given to it. Now in the
night-time it glows like the day just as fire might,
for it is red and gives out rays ; and if you look at it
in the daytime it smites your eyes with a thousand
glints and gleams. And the light within it is a spirit
of mysterious power, for it absorbs to itself everything
in its neighbourhood. And why do I say in its
neighbourhood ? Why you can sink anywhere in
river or in sea as many stones as you like, and these
not even near to one another, but here there and
everywhere ; and then if you let down this stone
among them by a string it gathers them all together
by the diffusion of its spirit, and the stones yield to
its influence and cling to it in a bunch, like a swarm
of bees."

XLVII

AND having said this he showed the stone itself CHAP.
and all that it was capable of effecting. And as to XLVII
the pygmies, he said that they lived underground, The
and that they lay on the other side of the Ganges
Pigmies
and lived in the manner which is related by all. As
to men that are shadow-footed or have long heads,
and as to the other poetical fancies which the
treatise of Scylax recounts about them, he said that
they didn't live anywhere on the earth, and least of
all in India.

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XLVIII

CAP.
XLVIII "Ον δ' ὁρύττουσι χρυσὸν οἱ γρῦπες, πέτραι εἰσὶν οἶνον σπινθῆρσιν ἐστιγμέναι ταῖς τοῦ χρυσοῦ ρανίσιν, ἀς λιθοτομεῖ τὸ θηρίον τοῦτο τῇ τοῦ ράμφους ἵσχυΐ. τὰ γὰρ θηρία ταῦτα εἶναι τε ἐν Ἰνδοῖς καὶ ἱεροὺς νομίζεσθαι τοῦ Ἡλίου, τέθριππά τε αὐτῶν ὑποζευγνύναι τοῖς ἀγάλμασι τοὺς τὸν Ἡλιον ἐν Ἰνδοῖς γράφοντας, μέγεθός τε καὶ ἀλκὴν εἰκάσθαι αὐτοὺς τοῖς λέουσιν, ὑπὸ δὲ πλεονεξίας τῶν πτερῶν αὐτοῦς τε ἐκείνοις ἐπιτίθεσθαι, καὶ τῶν ἐλεφάντων δὲ καὶ δρακόντων ὑπερτέρους εἶναι. πέτονται δὲ οὕπω μέγα, ἀλλ' ὅσον οἱ βραχύποροι ὅρνιθες, μὴ γὰρ ἐπτιλῶσθαι σφᾶς, ὡς ὅρνισι πάτριον, ἀλλ' ὑμέσι τοὺς ταρσοὺς ὑφάνθαι πυρσοῖς, ὡς εἶναι κυκλώσαντας πέτεσθαι τε καὶ ἐκ μετεώρου μάχεσθαι, τὴν τύγριν δὲ αὐτοῖς ἀνάλωτον εἶναι μόνην, ἐπειδὴ τὸ τάχος αὐτὴν ἐσποιεῖ τοῖς ἀνέμοις.

XLIX

CAP.
XLIX Καὶ τὸν φούνικα δὲ τὸν ὅρνιν τὸν διὰ πεντακοσίων ἐτῶν ἐς Αἴγυπτον ἤκοντα, πέτεσθαι μὲν ἐν τῇ Ἰνδικῇ τὸν χρόνον τοῦτον, εἶναι δὲ ἔνα, ἐκδιδόμενον τῶν ἀκτίνων καὶ χρυσῷ λάμποντα, μέγεθος ἀετοῦ καὶ εἶδος, ἐς καλιάν τε ἵζανειν τὴν ἐκ τοῦ ἄρωματος ποιουμένην αὐτῷ πρὸς ταῖς τοῦ Νείλου πηγαῖς. ἀ δὲ Αἴγυπτοι περὶ αὐτοῦ ἥδουσιν, ὡς ἐς Αἴγυπτον φέρεται, καὶ Ἰνδοὶ ξυμμαρτυροῦσι,

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XLVIII

As to the gold which the griffins dig up, there are CHAP.
rocks which are spotted with drops of gold as with XLVIII
sparks, which this creature can quarry because of the The
strength of its beak. "For these animals do exist in griffins
India," he said, "and are held in veneration as being
sacred to the Sun; and the Indian artists, when they
represent the Sun, yoke four of them abreast to draw
the images; and in size and strength they resemble
lions, but having this advantage over them that they
have wings, they will attack them, and they get the
better of elephants and of dragons. But they have
no great power of flying, not more than have birds
of short flight; for they are not winged as is
proper with birds, but the palms of their feet are
webbed with red membranes, such that they are
able to revolve them, and make a flight and fight
in the air; and the tiger alone is beyond their
powers of attack, because in swiftness it rivals the
winds.

XLIX

"AND the phoenix," he said, "is the bird which visits CHAP.
Egypt every five hundred years, but the rest of that XLIX
time it flies about in India; and it is unique in that The
it gives out rays of sunlight and shines with gold, in
size and appearance like an eagle; and it sits upon
the nest which is made by it at the springs of the Nile
out of spices. The story of the Egyptians about it,
that it comes to Egypt, is testified to by the Indians

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CAP. προσάδοντες τῷ λόγῳ τὸ τὸν φοίνικα τὸν ἐν τῇ
XLIX καλιᾱͅ τηκόμενον προπεμπτηρίους ὕμνους αὐτῷ
ἀδειν. τουτὶ δὲ καὶ τοὺς κυκνους φασι δρᾶν οἱ
σοφώτερον αὐτῶν ἀκούοντες.

L

CAP. Τοιαίδε μὲν αἱ πρὸς τοὺς σοφοὺς ξυνουσίαι
L Ἀπολλωνίῳ ἐγένοντο μηνῶν τεττάρων ἐκεῖ διατρί-
ψαντι, καὶ ξυλλαβόντι λόγους φανερούς τε καὶ
ἀπορρήτους πάντας, ἐπεὶ δὲ ἔξελαύνειν ἐβούλετο,
τὸν μὲν ἡγεμόνα καὶ τὰς καμῆλους πείθουσιν
αὐτὸν ἀποπέμψαι τῷ Φραώτῃ μετ' ἐπιστολῆς,
αὐτοὶ δὲ ἡγεμόνα ἔτερον καὶ καμῆλους δόντες
προέπεμπον αὐτόν, εὐδαιμονίζοντες αὐτούς τε
κάκεῖνον. ἀσπασάμενοι δὲ τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον καὶ
θεὸν τοῖς πολλοῖς εἶναι δόξειν οὐ τεθνεῶτα μόνον,
ἀλλὰ καὶ ζῶντα φήσαντες, αὐτοὶ μὲν ὑπέστρεψαν
ἔς τὸ φροντιστήριον, ἐπιστρεφόμενοι πρὸς τὸν
ἄνδρα καὶ δηλοῦντες, ὅτι ἀκούτες αὐτοῦ ἀπαλλάτ-
τονται· ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος ἐν δεξιᾷ μὲν τὸν Γάγγην
ἔχων, ἐν ἀριστερᾷ δὲ τὸν "Τφασιν κατήει ἐπὶ τὴν
θάλατταν ἡμερῶν δέκα ὅδὸν ἀπὸ τοῦ ἱεροῦ ὅχθου.
κατιοῦσι δ' αὐτοῖς πολλαὶ μὲν στρουθοὶ ἐφαίνοντο,
πολλοὶ δὲ ἄγριοι βόες, πολλοὶ δὲ ὄνοι καὶ λέοντες
καὶ παρδάλεις καὶ τίγρεις, καὶ πιθήκων γένος
ἔτερον παρὰ τοὺς ἐν ταῖς πεπέρισι, μέλανές τε γάρ
καὶ λάσιοι ἥσαν καὶ τὰ εἴδη κύνειοι καὶ σμικροῖς
ἀνθρώποις ἴσοι. διαλεγόμενοι δὲ περὶ τῶν ορω-
μένων, ὃποῖα εἰώθεσαν, ἀφίκοντο ἐπὶ τὴν θάλατ-
ταν, ἐν ἥ κατεσκεύαστο ἐμπόρια μικρά, καὶ πλοῖα

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also, but the latter add this touch to the story, that CHAP.
the phoenix which is being consumed in its nest ^{XLI}
sings funeral strains for itself. And this is also
done by the swans according to the account of those
who have the wit to hear them.

L

IN such conversations with the sages Apollonius CHAP.
spent the four months which he passed there, and ^L
he acquired all sorts of lore both profane and mysterious. But when he was minded to go on his ^{Apollonius quits the} Brahmins way, they persuaded him to send back to Phraotes with a letter his guide and the camels; and they themselves gave him another guide and camels, and sent him forth on his way, congratulating both themselves and him. And having embraced Apollonius and declared that he would be esteemed a god by the many, not merely after his death, but while he was still alive, they turned back to their place of meditation, though ever and anon they turned towards him, and showed by their action that they parted from him against their will. And Apollonius keeping the Ganges on his right hand, but the Hyphasis on his left, went down towards the sea a journey of ten days from the sacred ridge. And as they went down they saw a great many ostriches, and many wild bulls, and many asses and lions and pards and tigers, and another kind of apes than those which inhabit the pepper trees, for these were black and bushy-haired and were dog-like in features and as big as small men. And in the usual discussion of what they saw they reached the sea, where small factories had been built, and passenger

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CAP. δὲ ἐν αὐτοῖς ὥρμει πορθμεῖα παραπλήσια τοῖς
^{L.} Τυρρηνοῖς. τὴν δὲ θάλατταν τὴν Ἐρυθρὰν εἶναι
μὲν κυανωτάτην, ὡνομάσθαι δέ, ως εἰπον, ἀπὸ
Ἐρύθρα βασιλέως, δις ἐπωνόμασεν ἑαυτὸν ἐκείνῳ
τῷ πελάγει.

LI

CAP. ^{LI} 'Ενταῦθα ἥκων τὰς μὲν καμήλους ἀπέπεμψε τῷ
Ιάρχᾳ μετ' ἐπιστολῆς·

“Απολλώνιος Ιάρχᾳ καὶ τοῖς ἑτέροις σοφοῖς
χαίρειν.

ἀφικομένῳ μοι πεζῇ πρὸς ὑμᾶς δεδώκατε τὴν θά-
λατταν, ἀλλὰ καὶ σοφίας τῆς ἐν ὑμῖν κοινωνή-
σαντες δεδώκατε καὶ διὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ πορεύεσθαι.
μεμυήσομαι τούτων καὶ πρὸς “Ἐλληνας, κοινωνήσω
τε λόγων ως παροῦσιν ὑμῖν, εἰ μὴ μάτην ἔπιον τοῦ
Ταυτάλου. ἔρρωσθε ἀγαθοὶ φιλόσοφοι.”

LII

CAP. ^{LII} Αὐτὸς δὲ ἐπιβὰς νεῶς ἐκομίζετο λείφ καὶ εὐφόρῳ
πνεύματι, θαυμάζων τὸ στόμα τοῦ Ἄφασιδος, ώς
φοβερῶς δι' αὐτοῦ ἐκχεῖται· τελευτῶν γάρ, ώς
ἔφην, ἐς χωρία πετρώδη καὶ στενὰ καὶ κρημνοὺς
ἐκπίπτει, δι' ᾧ καταρρηγνὺς ἐς τὴν θάλατταν ἐνὶ¹
στόματι χαλεπὸς δοκεῖ τοῖς ἄγαν τῇ γῇ
προσκειμένοις.

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ships rode in them resembling those of the Tyrrhenes. CHAP.
And they say that the sea called Erythra or "red" is L
of a deep blue colour, but that it was so named from
a king Erythras, who gave his own name to the sea
in question.

LI

HAVING reached this point, Apollonius sent back CHAP.
the camels to Iarchas together with the following LI
letter :

"Apollonius to Iarchas and the other sages greeting." Apollonius
farewell letter to Iarchas

"I came to you on foot, and yet you presented me with the sea ; but by sharing with me the wisdom which is yours, you have made it mine even to travel through the heavens. All this I shall mention to the Hellenes ; and I shall communicate my words to you as if you were present, unless I have in vain drunk the draught of Tantalus. Farewell, ye goodly philosophers."

LII

HE then embarked upon the ship and was borne CHAP.
away by a smooth and favourable breeze, and he was LII
much struck at the formidable manner in which the Hyphasis discharges itself into the sea at its mouth ; for in its later course, as I said before, it falls into rocky and narrow country and over precipices, and breaking its way through these to the sea by a single mouth, presents a formidable danger to those who hug the land too closely. The mouth of the Hyphasis

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LIII

CAP.
LIII Καὶ μὴν καὶ τὸ τοῦ Ἰνδοῦ στόμα ἵδεῖν φασι,
πόλιν δὲ ἐπ' αὐτοῦ κεῖσθαι Πάταλα περίρρυτον
τῷ Ἰνδῷ, ἐς ἣν τὸ ναυτικὸν τοῦ Ἀλεξάνδρου
ἔλθεῖν, φέναρχον ἐπιτετάχθαι Νέαρχον οὐκ
ἀγύμναστον τῆς θαλαττίου τάξεως. ἀ δὲ Ὁρθα-
γόρᾳ περὶ τῆς Ἐρυθρᾶς εἱρηται, καὶ ὅτι μήτε ἡ
ἄρκτος ἐν αὐτῇ φαινοιτο, μήτε σημαίνοιντο τὴν
μεσμηθρίαν οἱ πλέοντες, οἵ τε ἐπίδηλοι τῶν ἀστέ-
ρων ἔξαλλάττοιεν τῆς ἑαυτῶν τάξεως, δοκεῖ καὶ
Δάμιδι, καὶ χρὴ πιστεύειν ὑγιῶς τε καὶ κατὰ
τὸν ἔκει οὐρανὸν εἰρῆσθαι ταῦτα. μνημονεύουσι
καὶ νήσου μικρᾶς, ἥ ὄνομα εἶναι Βίβλον, ἐν ἦ
τὸ τοῦ κογχυλίου μέγεθος καὶ οἱ μύες ὁστρεά τε
καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα δεκαπλάσια τῶν Ἑλληνικῶν τὸ
μέγεθος ταῖς πέτραις προσπέφυκεν. ἀλίσκεται δὲ
καὶ λίθος ἔκει μαργαρὶς ἐν ὁστράκῳ λευκῷ καρδίας
τόπον ἔχουσα τῷ ὁστρέῳ.

LIV

CAP.
LIV Κατασχεῖν δέ φασι καὶ ἐς Πηγάδας τῆς τῶν
Ωρειτῶν χώρας, οἱ δὲ Ωρεῖται, χαλκαῖ μὲν αὐτοῖς
αἱ πέτραι, χαλκῆ δὲ ἡ ψάμμος, χαλκοῦν δὲ ψῆφγμα
οἱ ποταμοὶ ἄγουσι. ρυσῖτιν δὲ ἥγοῦνται τὴν χγῆν
διὰ τὴν εὐγένειαν τοῦ χαλκοῦ.



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LIII

THEY say, moreover, that they saw the mouth of CHAP.
the Indus, and that there was situated on it the city LIII
of Patala round which the Indus flows. It was to The city of
this city that the fleet of Alexander came, under the
command of Nearchus, a highly trained naval captain. Nearchus
But as for the stories of Orthagoras about the sea and
called Erythra, to the effect that the constellation of
the bear is not to be seen in it, and that the mariners
cast no shadows at midday, and that the visible stars
there vary from their usual positions, this account is
endorsed by Damis; and we must consider it to be
sound and based on local observations of the heavens.
They also mention a small island, of the name of The isle
Biblus, in which there is the large cockle, and where of Biblus
there are mussels and oysters and such like organisms,
clinging to the rocks and ten times as big as those
which we find in Greece. And there is also taken
in this region a pearl in a white shell, wherein it
occupies the place of the heart of the oyster.

LIV

AND they say that they also touched at Pegadae in CHAP.
the country of the Oreitae. As for these people, LIV
they have rocks of bronze and sand of bronze, and the The bronze
dust which the rivers bring down is of bronze. But of the
they regard their land as full of gold because the
bronze is of such high quality.

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LV

CAP.
LV Φασὶ δὲ καὶ τοῖς Ἰχθυοφάγοις ἐντυχεῖν, οἷς πόλιν εἶναι Στόβηρα, διφθέρας δὲ τούτους ἐνῆφθαι μεγίστων ἰχθύων, καὶ τὰ πρόβατα τὰ ἔκεινη ἰχθυώδη εἶναι καὶ φαγεῖν ἄτοπα, τοὺς γὰρ ποιμένας βόσκειν αὐτὰ τοῖς ἰχθύσιν, ὥσπερ ἐν Καρίᾳ τοῖς σύκοις. Καρμανὸὶ δὲ Ἰνδοὶ γένος ἡμερον εὗχθυοῦτω νέμονται θάλατταν, ὡς μηδὲ ἀποθέτους ποιεῖσθαι τοὺς ἰχθύν, μηδέ, ὥσπερ ὁ Πόντος, ταριχεύειν, ἀλλ’ ὀλίγους μὲν αὐτῶν ἀποδίδοσθαι, τοὺς δὲ πολλοὺς ἀσπαίροντας ἀποδιδόναι τῇ θαλάττῃ.

LVI

CAP.
LVI Προσπλεῦσαι φασὶ καὶ Βαλάροις, ἐμπόριον δὲ εἶναι τὰ Βάλαρα μεστὸν μυρρινῶν τε καὶ φουνίκων, καὶ δάφνας ἐν αὐτῷ ἴδεῖν καὶ πηγαῖς διαρρεῖσθαι τὸ χωρίον. κήποι δὲ ὅπόσοι τρωκτοὶ καὶ ὅπόσοι ἀνθέων κήποι, βρύειν αὐτό, καὶ λιμένας μεστοὺς γαλήνης ἐν αὐτῷ εἶναι. προκεῖσθαι δὲ τοῦ χωρίου τούτου νῆσον Ἱεράν, ἣν καλεῖσθαι Σέληρα, καί, στάδια μὲν ἑκατὸν εἶναι τῷ πορθμῷ, νηρηίδα δὲ οἰκεῖν ἐν αὐτῇ δεινὴν δαίμονα, πολλοὺς γὰρ τῶν πλεόντων ἀρπάζειν, καὶ μηδὲ ταῖς ναυσὶ ξυγχωρεῖν πεῖσμα ἐκ τῆς νῆσου βάλλεσθαι.

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LV

AND they say that they came across the people called the Fish-eaters, whose city is Stobera; and they clothe themselves in the skins of very large fishes, and the cattle there taste like fish and eat extraordinary things; for the shepherds feed them upon fish, just as in Caria the flocks are fed on figs. But the Indians of Carman are a gentle race, who live on the edge of a sea so well stocked with fish, that they neither lay them in by stores, nor salt them as is done in Pontus, but they just sell a few of them and throw back most they catch panting into the sea.

CHAP.
LV

The
Ichthy-
ophagi

LVI

THEY say that they also touched at Balara, which is an emporium full of myrtles and date palms; and there they also saw laurels, and the place was well watered by springs. And there were kitchen gardens there, as well as flower gardens, all growing luxuriantly, and the harbours therein were entirely calm. But off the place there lies a sacred island, which was called Selera, and the passage to it from the mainland was a hundred stades long. Now in this island there lived a Nereid, a dreadful female demon, which would snatch away many mariners and would not even allow ships to fasten a cable to the island.

CHAP.
LVI

Balara and
the Nereid

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LVII

CAP.
LVII "Αξιον δὲ μηδὲ τὸν περὶ τῆς ἑτέρας μαργαρίτιδος παρελθεῖν λόγουν, ἐπεὶ μηδὲ Ἀπολλωνίῳ μειρακιώδης ἔδοξεν, ἀλλὰ πλάττεται ὥδιστος καὶ τῶν ἐν τῇ θαλαττουργίᾳ θαυμασιώτατος. τὰ γὰρ τέτραμμένα τῆς νήσου πρὸς τὸ πέλαγος ἔστι μὲν ἄπειρος πυθμὴν θαλάττης, φέρει δὲ ὄστρεον ἐν ἐλύτρῳ λευκῷ μεστὸν πιμελῆς, οὐδὲ γὰρ λίθον φύει οὐδένα. γαλήνην δὲ ἐπιφυλάξαντες καὶ τὴν θάλατταν αὐτοὶ λεάναντες, τουτὶ δὲ ἡ τοῦ ἐλαίου ἐπιρροὴ πράττει, καταδύεται τις ἐπὶ τὴν θήραν τοῦ ὄστρεον, τὰ μὲν ἄλλα κατεσκευασμένος, ὥσπερ οἱ τὰς σπογγιὰς κείροντες, ἔστι δὲ αὐτῷ καὶ πλινθὶς σιδηρᾶ καὶ ἀλάβαστρος μύρου. παριζήσας οὖν ὁ Ἰνδὸς τῷ ὄστρεῷ δέλεαρ αὐτοῦ τὸ μύρον ποιεῖται, τὸ δὲ ἀνοίγνυται τε καὶ μεθύει ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, κέντρῳ δὲ διελαθὲν ἀποπτύει τὸν ἰχώρα, ὃ δὲ ἐκδέχεται αὐτὸν τῇ πλινθίδι τύπους ὁρωρυγμένη. λιθοῦται δὲ τὸ ἐντεῦθεν καὶ ρύθμίζεται, καθάπερ ἡ φύσει μαργαρίς, κᾶστιν ἡ μαργαρίς αἷμα λευκὸν ἔξι ἐρυθρᾶς τῆς θαλάττης. ἐπιτίθεσθαι δὲ τῇ θήρᾳ ταύτῃ καὶ τοὺς Ἀραβίους φασὶν ἀντιπέρας οἰκοῦντας. τὸ δὲ ἐντεῦθεν θηριώδη μὲν τὴν θάλατταν εἶναι πᾶσαν, ἀγελάζεσθαι δὲ ἐν αὐτῇ τὰ κήτη, τὰς δὲ ναῦς ἔρυμα τούτου κωδωνοφορεῖν κατὰ πρύμναν τε καὶ πρῷραν, τὴν δὲ ἡχὴν ἐκπλήγττειν τὰ θηρία, καὶ μὴ ἔân ἐμπελάζειν ταῖς ναυσί.

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LVII

It is just as well not to omit the story of the other kind of pearl: since even Apollonius did not regard it as puerile, and it is anyhow a pretty invention, and there is nothing in the annals of sea fishing so remarkable. For on the side of the island which is turned towards the open sea, the bottom is of great depth, and produces an oyster in a white sheath full of fat, for it does not produce any jewel. The inhabitants watch for a calm day, or they themselves render the sea smooth, and this they do by flooding it with oil; and then a man plunges in in order to hunt the oyster in question, and he is in other respects equipped like those who cut off the sponges from the rocks, but he carries in addition an oblong iron block and an alabaster case of myrrh. The Indian then halts alongside of the oyster and holds out the myrrh before him as a bait; whereupon the oyster opens and drinks itself drunk upon the myrrh. Then it is pierced with a long pin and discharges a peculiar liquid called ichor, which the man catches in the iron block which is hollowed out in regular holes. The liquid so obtained petrifies in regular shapes, just like the natural pearl, which is a white blood furnished by the Red Sea. And they say that the Arabs also who live on the opposite coast devote themselves to catching these creatures. From this point on they found the entire sea full of wild seals animals, and it was crowded with seals; and the ships, they say, in order to keep off these animals, carry bells at the bow and at the stern, the sound of which frightens away these creatures and prevents them from approaching the ships.

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LVIII

CAP.
LVIII Καταπλεύσαντες δὲ ἐς τὰς ἐκβολὰς τοῦ Εὐ-
φράτου φασὶν ἐς Βαβυλῶνα δι' αὐτοῦ ἀναπλεῦσαι
παρὰ τὸν Οὐαρδάνην, καὶ τυχόντες αὐτοῦ οἶου
ἐγγυωσκον, ἐπὶ τὴν Νîνου ἐλθεῖν αὐθίς, καὶ τῆς
Ἀντιοχείας συνήθως ὑβριζούσης καὶ μηδὲν τῶν
Ἐλληνικῶν ἐσπουδακυίας, ἐπὶ θάλαττάν τε κατα-
βῆναι τὴν ἐπὶ Σελεύκειαν, μεώς τε ἐπιτυχόντες
προσπλεῦσαι Κύπρῳ κατὰ τὴν Πάφον, οὐ τὸ τῆς
Ἀφροδίτης ἔδος, δὲ ξυμβολικῶς ἰδρυμένον θαυμάσαι
τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον, καὶ πολλὰ τοὺς Ἱερέας ἐς τὴν
ὅσιαν τὸν Ἱεροῦ διδαξάμενον, ἐς Ἰωνίαν πλεῦσαι
θαυμαζόμενον ἵκανῶς καὶ μεγάλων ἀξιούμενον
παρὰ τοῖς τὴν σοφίαν τιμῶσιν.

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LVIII

AND when they had sailed as far as the mouth of CHAP.
the Euphrates, they say that they sailed up by it to LVIII
Babylon to see Vardan, whom they found just as Apollonius
they had found him before. They then came afresh regains
to Nineveh, and as the people of Antioch displayed Ionia
their customary insolence and took no interest in any
affairs of the Hellenes, they went down to the sea at
Seleucia, and finding a ship, they sailed to Cyprus
and landed at Paphos, where there is the statue of
Aphrodite. Apollonius marvelled at the symbolic con-
struction of the same, and gave the priests much
instruction with regard to the ritual of the temple.
He then sailed to Ionia, where he excited much
admiration and no little esteem among all lovers of
wisdom.

BOOK IV

Δ'.

I

CAP. I. 'Επεὶ δὲ εἰδον τὸν ἄνδρα ἐν Ἰωνίᾳ παρελθόντα
ἐς τὴν Ἐφεσον, οὐδὲ οἱ βάναυσοι ἔτι πρὸς ταῖς
έαυτῶν τέχναις ἥσαν, ἀλλ' ἡκολούθουν ὁ μὲν
σοφίας, ὁ δὲ εἴδους, ὁ δὲ διαίτης, ὁ δὲ σχήματος,
οἱ δὲ πάντων ὅμοι θαυμαστὰ ὅντες, λόγοι τε περὶ¹
αὐτοῦ ἐφοίτων, οἱ μὲν ἐκ τοῦ Κολοφῶνι μαντείου
κοινωνὸν τῆς ἑαυτοῦ σοφίας καὶ ἀτεχνῶς σοφὸν
καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα τὸν ἄνδρα ἄδοντες, οἱ δὲ ἐκ Διδύ-
μων, οἱ δὲ ἐκ τοῦ περὶ τὸ Πέργαμον ἱεροῦ,
πολλοὺς γὰρ τῶν ὑγιείας δεομένων ὁ θεὸς ἐκέλευσε
προσφοιτᾶν τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ, τουτὶ γὰρ αὐτός τε
βούλεσθαι καὶ δοκεῖν ταῖς Μοίραις. ἐφοίτων καὶ
πρεσβεῖαι πρὸς αὐτὸν ἐκ τῶν πόλεων, ξένοι τε
αὐτὸν ἥγούμενοι καὶ βίου ξύμβουλον βωμῶν τε
ἱδρύσεως καὶ ἀγαλμάτων, ὁ δὲ ἔκαστα τούτων τὰ
μὲν ἐπιστέλλων, τὰ δὲ ἀφίξεσθαι φάσκων διωρ-
θοῦτο. πρεσβευσαμένης δὲ καὶ τῆς Σμύρνης καὶ
ὅ τι μὲν δέοιτο οὐκ εἰπούσης, ἐκλιπαρούσης δὲ
ἀφικέσθαι, ἥρετο τὸν πρεσβευτήν, ὃ τι αὐτοῦ
δέοιντο, ὁ δέ, "ἰδεῖν," ἔφη, "καὶ ὀφθῆναι." ὁ δὲ

BOOK IV

I

AND when they saw our sage in Ionia and he had CHAP.
arrived at Ephesus, even the mechanics would not
remain at their handicrafts, but followed him,
one admiring his wisdom, another his beauty,
another his way of life, another his bearing, some of
them everything alike about him. Reports also were
current about him which originated from various
oracles; thus from the oracle at Colophon it was
announced that he shared its peculiar wisdom and
was absolutely wise, and so forth; from that of
Didyma similar rumours emanated, as also from the
shrine at Pergamum; for the God urged not a few of
those who were in need of health to betake them-
selves to Apollonius, for this was what he himself
approved and was pleasing to the Fates. Deputa-
tions also waited upon him from various cities
offering him their hospitality, and asking his advice
about life in general as well as about the dedication of
altars and images; and he regulated their several
affairs in some cases by letter, but in others he said
would visit them. And the city of Smyrna also
sent a deputation, but they would not say what they
wanted, though they besought him to visit them; so
he asked the legate what they wanted of him, but

Apollonius
regains
Ionia and is
welcomed
by the
oracles of
Greece

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CAP. Απολλώνιος, “ἀφίξομαι,” εἶπε, “δοίητε δέ, ὁ
^I Μοῦσαι, καὶ ἐρασθῆναι ἀλλήλων.”

II

CAP. Τὴν μὲν δὴ διάλεξιν τὴν πρώτην ἀπὸ τῆς κρη-
πῆδος τοῦ νεώ πρὸς τοὺς Ἐφεσίους διελέχθη, οὐχ
ῶσπερ οἱ Σωκρατικοί, ἀλλὰ τῶν μὲν ἄλλων ἀπάγων
τε καὶ ἀποσπουδάζων, φιλοσοφίᾳ δὲ μόνῃ ἔνυμβου-
λεύων προσέχειν, καὶ σπουδῆς ἐμπιπλάναι τὴν
Ἐφεσον μᾶλλον ἡ ῥᾳθυμίας τε καὶ ἀγερωχίας,
ὅπόσην εὗρεν· ὅρχηστῶν γὰρ ἡττημένοι καὶ πρὸς
πυρρίχαις αὐτοὶ ὅντες, αὐλῶν μὲν πάντα μεστὰ ἦν,
μεστὰ δὲ ἀνδρογύνων, μεστὰ δὲ κτύπων· ὁ δὲ
καίτοι μεταθεμένων τῶν Ἐφεσίων πρὸς αὐτὸν οὐκ
ἡξίου περιορᾶν ταῦτα, ἀλλ’ ἐξήρει αὐτὰ καὶ διέ-
βαλλε τοῖς πολλοῖς.

III

CAP. Τὰς δὲ ἄλλας διαλέξεις περὶ τὰ ἄλση τὰ ἐν τοῖς
^{III} ξυστοῖς δρόμοις ἐποιεῖτο, διαλεγομένου δέ ποτε
περὶ κοινωνίας καὶ διδάσκοντος, ὅτι χρὴ τρέφειν
τε ἄλλήλους καὶ ὑπ’ ἄλλήλων τρέφεσθαι, στρου-
θοὶ μὲν ἐκάθηντο ἐπὶ τῶν δένδρων σιωπῶντες, εἰς
δὲ αὐτῶν προσπετόμενος ἐβόα, παρακελεύεσθαι τι

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he merely said, "to see him and be seen." So CHAP.
Apollonius said: "I will come, but, O ye Muses,¹
grant that we may also like one another."

II

THE first discourse then which he delivered was to CHAP.
the Ephesians from the platform of their temple, and ¹¹
its tone was not that of the Socratic school; for Reproves
he dissuaded and discouraged them from other the Ionians
pursuits, and urged them to devote themselves to philosophy alone, and to fill Ephesus with real study rather than with idleness and arrogance such as he found around him there; for they were devoted to dancers and taken up with pantomimes, and the whole city was full of pipers, and full of effeminate rascals, and full of noise. So at the risk of estranging the Ephesians, he determined not to wink at such things, but cleared them out and made them odious to most of them.

III

His other discourses he delivered under the trees CHAP.
which grow hard by the cloisters; and in these he ^{III}
sometimes dealt with the question of communism, and taught that they ought to support and be supported by one another. While he was doing so on one occasion, sparrows were sitting quite silent upon the trees, but one of them suddenly gave a chirp as it flew up, just as if he had some The communis-
tic sparrow

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CAP. δοκῶν τοῖς ἄλλοις, οἱ δέ, ὡς ἥκουσαν, αὐτοί τε
^{III} ἀνέκραγον καὶ ἀρθέντες ἐπέτοντο ὑπὸ τῷ ἐνί. ὁ
μὲν δὴ Ἀπολλώνιος εἶχετο τοῦ λόγου, γιγνώσκων
μέν, ἐφ' ὅ τι οἱ στρουθοὶ πέτοιντο, πρὸς δὲ τοὺς
πολλοὺς οὐχ ἔρμηνεύων αὐτό, ἐπεὶ δὲ ἀνέβλεψαν
ἐς αὐτοὺς πάντες καὶ ἀνοήτως ἔνιοι τερατῶδες
αὐτὸ ἐνόμισαν, παραλλάξας ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος τοῦ
λόγου, “παῖς,” εἶπεν, “ῳλισθεν ἀπάγων πυροὺς
ἐν σκάφῃ, καὶ κακῶς αὐτοὺς ξυλλεξάμενος αὐτὸς
μὲν ἀπελήλυθε, πολλοὺς δὲ ἐσκεδασμένους ἀπολέ-
λοιπεν ἐν στενωπῷ τῷ δεῖνι, ὁ δὲ στρουθὸς
παρατυχὼν οὕτος πρόξενος τοῖς ἄλλοις ἤκει τοῦ
ἔρμαίου καὶ ποιεῖται αὐτοὺς ξυσσίτους.”

οἱ μὲν δὴ πλεῖστοι τῶν ἀκροωμένων δρόμῳ ἐπὶ¹
τοῦτο φέροντο, ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος πρὸς τοὺς παρόντας
διήγει τὸν λόγον, διν περὶ τῆς κοινωνίας προύθετο,
καὶ ἐπειδὴ ἀφίκοντο βοῶντές τε καὶ μεστοὶ θαύματ-
ος, “οἱ μὲν στρουθοί,” εἶπεν, “όράτε, ὡς ἐπιμε-
λοῦνται τε ἄλλήλων καὶ κοινωνίᾳ χαίρουσιν, ἡμεῖς
δὲ οὐκ ἀξιούμεν, ἀλλὰ καν κοινωνοῦντα ἔτεροις
ἴδωμεν, ἐκεῖνον μὲν ἀσωτίαν καὶ τρυφὴν καὶ τὰ
τοιαῦτα ἡγούμεθα, τοὺς δὲ ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ τρεφομένους
παρασίτους τε καὶ κόλακας φαμέν. καὶ τί λοιπὸν
ἄλλ’ ἡ ξυγκλείσαντας αὐτούς, ὥσπερ τοὺς σιτευο-
μένους τῶν δρυίθων, ἐν σκότῳ γαστρίζεσθαι,
μέχρις ἂν διαρραγῶμεν παχυνόμενοι;”

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instructions to give to his fellows ; and the latter, on CHAP.
hearing it, themselves set up a chirping and rose ^{III}
and flew off under the guidance of the one. Now
Apollonius went on with his argument, for he knew
what it was that made the sparrows take wing, but
he did not explain the matter to the multitude who
were listening to him ; but when they all looked up
at the birds and some of them in their silliness
thought it a miraculous occurrence, Apollonius
interrupted his argument and said : "A boy has
slipped who was carrying some barley in a bowl, and
after carelessly gathering together what was fallen,
he has gone off, leaving much of it scattered about
in yonder alley, and this sparrow, witnessing the
occurrence has come here to acquaint his fellows
with the good luck, and to invite them to come and
eat it with him."

Most of his audience accordingly ran off to the spot, but Apollonius continued to those who remained with him the discourse he had proposed to himself on the topic of communism ; and when they returned talking loudly and full of wonder, he continued thus : " You see how the sparrows care for one another and delight in communism ; but we are far from approving of it, nay, should we happen to see anyone sharing his own in common with others, we set him down as a spendthrift and talk about his extravagance and so forth, while as for those who are supported by him, we call them parasites and flatterers. What then is left for us to do, except to shut overselves up like birds that are being fed up and fattened, and gorge ourselves in the dark until we literally burst with fat ? "

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IV

CAP.
IV Λοιμοῦ δὲ ὑφέρποντος τὴν "Ἐφεσον καὶ οὕπω
ἀνοιδούσης τῆς νόσου, ξυνήκε μὲν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος
τῆς προσβολῆς, ξυνεὶς δὲ προύλεγε. πολλαχοῦ τε
τῶν διαλέξεων "ὦ γῆ, μένε ὁμοία," καὶ τοιαῦτα
ἐπεφθέγγετο ξὺν ἀπειλῇ· "τούσδε σῶζε" καὶ "οὐ
παρελεύσῃ ἐνταῦθα." οἱ δὲ οὐ προσεῖχον καὶ
τερατολογίαν τὰ τοιαῦτα ὔοντο τοσῷδε μᾶλλον,
ὅσῳ καὶ ἐς πάντα τὰ ἱερὰ φοιτῶν ἀποτρέπειν
αὐτὸς ἐδόκει καὶ ἀπεύχεσθαι. ἐπειδὲ δὲ ἀνοήτως
εἶχον τοῦ πάθους, ἐκείνοις μὲν οὐδὲν ὔθετο δεῖν
ἐπαρκεῖν ἔτι, τὴν δὲ ἄλλην Ἰωνίαν περιήει,
διορθούμενος τὰ παρ' ἐκάστοις καὶ διαλεγόμενος
ἀεὶ τι σωτήριον τοῖς παροῦσιν.

V

CAP.
V 'Αφικνουμένῳ δὲ αὐτῷ ἐς τὴν Σμύρναν προσα-
πήντων μὲν οἱ Ἰωνεῖς, καὶ γὰρ ἔτυχον Πανιώνια
θύοντες, ἀναγνοὺς δὲ καὶ ψήφισμα Ἰωνικόν, ἐν
ῳ ἐδέοντο αὐτοῦ κοινωνῆσαι σφισι τοῦ ξυλλόγου,
καὶ ὀνόματι προστυχών ἥκιστα Ἰωνικῷ, Λού-
κουλλος γάρ τις ἐπεγέγραπτο τῇ γνώμῃ, πέμπει
ἐπιστολὴν ἐς τὸ κοινὸν αὐτῶν, ἐπίπληξιν ποιεύ-
μενος περὶ τοῦ βαρβαρισμοῦ τούτου· καὶ γὰρ

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IV

A PESTILENCE was creeping over Ephesus ; but the CHAP.
disease had not yet reached its full violence, before ^{IV} Apollonius understood that it was approaching, and impressed with the danger he foretold it, and interspersed his discourses with such exclamations as "O earth, remain true to thyself!" and he added Predicts a plague in Ephesus in a tone of menace such appeals as these : "Do thou preserve these men here," and "Thou shalt not pass hither." But his hearers did not attend to these warnings and thought them mere rodomontade, all the more because they saw him constantly visiting all the temples in order to avert and deprecate the calamity. And since they conducted themselves so foolishly in respect of the scourge, he thought that it was not necessary to do anything more for them, but began a tour of the rest of Ionia, regulating their several affairs, and from time to time recommending in his discourses whatever was salutary for his audiences.

V

BUT when he came to Smyrna the Ionians went CHAP.
out to meet him, for they were just then celebrating ^V the pan-Ionian sacrifices. And he there read a decree of the Ionians, in which they besought him to take part in their solemn meeting ; and in it he met with a name which had not at all an Ionian ring, for a certain Lucullus had signed the resolution. He accordingly sent a letter to their council expressing His anger at adoption of Latin names by Greeks his astonishment at such an instance of barbarism;

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CAP. δὴ καὶ Φαβρίκιον καὶ τοιούτους ἐτέρους ἐν τοῖς
V ἐψηφισμένοις εὑρεν. ὡς μὲν οὖν ἐρρωμένως ἐπέ-
πληξε, δηλοῦ ἡ περὶ τούτου ἐπιστολή.

VI

CAP. Παρελθὼν δὲ ἐπ' ἄλλης ἡμέρας ἐς τὸν "Ιωνας,
VI "τίς," ἔφη, "ό κρατήρ οὗτος;" οἱ δὲ ἔφασαν,
"Πανιώνιος." ἀρυσάμενος οὖν καὶ σπείσας, "ὦ
θεοί," εἶπεν, "Ιώνων ἥγεμόνες, δοίητε τῇ καλῇ
ἀποικίᾳ ταύτη θαλάττῃ ἀσφαλεῖ χρῆσθαι καὶ
μηδὲν τῇ γῇ κακὸν ἐξ αὐτῆς προσκωμάσαι, μηδ'
Αἰγαίωνα σεισίχθονα ἵτινάξαι ποτὲ τὰς πόλεις."
τοιαῦτα ἐπεθείαζε προορῶν, οἷμαι, τὰ χρόνοις
ὑστερον περὶ τε Σμύρναν περὶ τε Μίλητον περί¹
τε Χίον καὶ Σάμον καὶ πολλὰς τῶν Ιάδων ξυμ-
βάντα.

VII

CAP. Σπουδὴ δὲ ὁρῶν τοὺς Σμυρναίους ἀπάντων
VII ἀπτομένους λόγων, ἐπερρώνυνε καὶ σπουδαιοτέρους
ἐποίει, φρονεῖν τε ἐκέλευεν ἐφ' ἑαυτοῖς μᾶλλον ἢ
τῷ τῆς πόλεως εἴδει, καὶ γάρ, εἰ καὶ καλλίστη
πόλεων, ὅπόσαι ὑπὸ ἡλίῳ εἰσί, καὶ τὸ πέλαγος
οἰκειοῦται, ζεφύρου τε πηγὰς ἔχει, ἀλλ' ἀνδράσιν
ἐστεφανώσθαι αὐτὴν ἥδιον ἢ στοαῖς τε καὶ γραφαῖς
καὶ χρυσῷ πλείου τοῦ δέοντος.¹ τὰ μὲν γὰρ

¹ δέοντος should be read instead of ὕντος : "in excess of what they had."

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for he had, it seems, also found the name Fabricius and CHAP.
other such names in the decrees. The letter on this ^V subject shows how sternly he reprimanded them.

VI

AND on another day he presented himself before CHAP.
the meeting of the Ionians, and asked : "What is ^{VI}
this cup?" And they answered : "It is the pan-
Ionian cup." Whereupon he took a draught from
it and poured a libation, saying : "O ye Gods, who
are patrons of the Ionians, may ye grant to this fair
colony to enjoy safety at sea, and that no disaster
may wreak itself on them by land therefrom, and
that Aegeon, the author of earthquakes, may never
shake down their cities." These words he uttered
under divine impulse, because he foresaw, as I
believe, the disasters which afterwards overtook
Smyrna and Miletus and Chios and Samos and several
of the Iades.

Predicts
earthquakes
in Ionia

VII

AND remarking the zeal with which the people of CHAP.
Smyrna devoted themselves to all sorts of com- ^{VII}
positions, he encouraged them and increased their
zeal, and urged them to take pride rather in them-
selves than in the beauty of their city ; for although
they had the most beautiful of cities under the sun,
and although they had a friendly sea at their doors,
which held the springs of the zephyr, nevertheless,
it was more pleasing for the city to be crowned with
men than with porticos and pictures, or even with
gold in excess of what they needed. For, he said,

Advice to
Smyrneans
to foster
manhood
rather than
architecture

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CAP. VII οἰκοδομήματα ἐπὶ ταύτου μένειν, οὐδαμοῦ ὄρώμενα πλὴν ἐκείνου τοῦ μέρους τῆς γῆς, ἐν ω̄ ἔστιν, ἄνδρας δὲ ἀγαθοὺς πανταχοῦ μὲν ὄρâσθαι, πανταχοῦ δὲ φθέγγεσθαι, τὴν δὲ πόλιν, ἡς γεγόνασιν, ἀποφαίνειν τοσαύτην, ὅσοι περ αὐτὸν γῆν ἐπελθεῖν δύνανται. ἐλεγε δὲ τὰς μὲν πόλεις τὰς οὗτω καλὰς ἐοικέναι τῷ τοῦ Διὸς ἀγάλματι, δις ἐν Ὀλυμπίᾳ τῷ Φειδίᾳ ἐκπεποίηται, καθῆσθαι γὰρ αὐτὸ—οὗτως τῷ δημιουργῷ ἔδοξε—τοὺς δὲ ἄνδρας ἐπὶ πάντα ἥκοντας μηδὲν ἀπεοικέναι τοῦ Ὄμηρείου Διός, δις ἐν πολλαῖς ἴδεαις Ὄμήρῳ πεποίηται θαυμασιώτερον ξυγκείμενος τοῦ ἐλεφαντίνου· τὸν μὲν γὰρ ἐν γῇ φαίνεσθαι, τὸν δὲ ἐς πάντα ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ ὑπονοεῖσθαι.

VIII

CAP. VIII Καὶ μὴν καὶ περὶ τοῦ πῶς ἀν πόλεις ἀσφαλῶς οἰκοῦντο ξυνεφιλοσόφει τοῖς Σμυρναίοις, διαφερομένους ὄρῶν ἀλλήλοις καὶ μὴ ξυγκειμένους τὰς γνώμας· ἐλεγε γὰρ δὴ τὴν ὄρθως οἰκησομένην πόλιν ὁμονοίας στασιαζούσης δεῖσθαι, τούτου δὲ ἀπιθάνως τε καὶ οὐκ ἐς τὸ ἀκόλουθον εἰρῆσθαι δόξαντος, ξυνεὶς ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, ὅτι μὴ ἔπονται οἱ πολλοὶ τῷ λόγῳ “λευκὸν μέν,” ἔφη, “καὶ μέλαν οὐκ ἄν ποτε ταύτὸν γένοιτο, οὐδὲ ἄν τῷ γλυκεῖ τῷ

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public edifices remain where they are, and are no- CHAP.
where seen except in that particular part of the earth VII
where they exist, but good men are conspicuous everywhere, and everywhere talked about; and so they can magnify the city the more to which they belong, in proportion to the numbers in which they are able to visit any part of the earth. And he said that cities which are only beautiful in the same way as Smyrna was, resemble the statue of Zeus wrought in Olympia by Pheidias; for there Zeus sits, just as it pleased the artist that he should, whereas men who visit all regions of the earth may be well compared with the Homeric Zeus, who is represented by Homer under many shapes, and is a more wonderful creation than the image made of ivory; for the latter is only to be seen upon earth, but the former is a presence imagined everywhere in heaven.

VIII

AND in his discussions, moreover, with the people CHAP.
of Smyrna he wisely taught them also how best to VIII
guarantee the security of those who live in cities, His ideal
for he saw that they were at issue with one another of civic
and did not agree in their ideals. He accordingly patriotism
told them that for a city to be rightly conducted by its inhabitants, you need a mixture of concord with party spirit; and as this utterance seemed inadmissible and hardly logical, Apollonius realising that most of them did not follow his argument, added: "White and black can never be one and the same, nor can bitter be wholesomely blended

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CAP. πικρὸν ὑγιῶς ξυγκραθείη, ὁμόνοια δὲ στασιάσει
VIII σωτηρίας ἔνεκα τῶν πόλεων. ὃ δὲ λέγω, τοιοῦτον
ἡγώμεθα· στάσις ἡ μὲν ἐπὶ ξίφη καὶ τὸ καταλι-
θοῦν ἀλλήλους ἄγουσσα ἀπέστω πόλεως, ἥ παιδο-
τροφίας τε δεῖ καὶ νόμων καὶ ἀνδρῶν, ἐφ' οἷς λόγοι
καὶ ἔργα, φιλοτιμία δὲ ἡ πρὸς ἀλλήλους ὑπὲρ τοῦ
κοινοῦ, καὶ πῶς ἀν ὁ μὲν γνώμης εἴποι βελτίω
γνώμην, ὁ δ' ἐτέρου ἄμεινον ἀρχῆς προσταίη, ὃ δὲ
πρεσβεύσειεν, ὁ δ' ἔξοικοδομήσαιτο λαμπρότερον
τῆς ἐτέρου ἐπιστατείας, ἔρις, οἷμαι, αὕτη ἀγαθὴ
καὶ στάσις πρὸς ἀλλήλους ὑπὲρ τοῦ κοινοῦ. τὸ
δ' ἄλλον ἄλλο ἐπιτηδεύοντας ἐς τὸ τῆς πόλεως
ὄφελος ξυμφέρειν Λακεδαιμονίοις μὲν εὐηθεῖς
ἔδόκει πάλαι, τὰ γὰρ πολεμικὰ ἔξεπονεῦτό σφισι,
καὶ ἐς τοῦτο ἔρρωντο πάντες καὶ τούτου μόνου
ἡπτοντο, ἐμοὶ δ' ἄριστον δοκεῖ τὸ πράττειν ἔκαστον,
ὅ τι οἶδε καὶ ὅ τι δύναται. εἰ γὰρ ὁ μὲν ἀπὸ
δημαγωγίας θαυμασθήσεται, ὁ δὲ ἀπὸ σοφίας, ὁ
δὲ ἀπὸ τοῦ ἐς τὸ κοινὸν πλουτεῖν, ὁ δὲ ἀπὸ τοῦ
χρηστὸς εἶναι, ὁ δὲ ἀπὸ τοῦ ἐμβριθῆς καὶ μὴ
ξυγγνώμων τοῖς ἀμαρτάνουσιν, ὁ δὲ ἀπὸ τοῦ μὴ
διαβεβλῆσθαι τὰς χεῖρας, εὖ κείσεται ἡ πόλις,
μᾶλλον δὲ ἔστηξει.”

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with sweet ; but concord can be so blended with party spirit to secure the safety of cities. And let us consider my meaning to be somewhat as follows : Far be from your city the factiousness which leads men to draw swords and to stone one another ; for in a city we need our children to be brought up properly, and we need laws, and we need inhabitants equally versed in discussion and in deeds. But mutual rivalry between men in behalf of the common weal, and with the object that one should give better advice than another, and that one should discharge better than another the duties of a magistrate, and that one should discharge the office of an ambassador or of an aedile more brilliantly than his fellows,—here,” he said, “ I think you have a worthy rivalry and a real contention among yourselves in behalf of the common weal. But that one person should practise one thing and another another with a view to benefiting the city seemed of old a foolish thing to the Lacedaemonians, because they only cultivated the arts of war, and because they all strengthened themselves for this end and interested themselves in nothing else ; but to me it seems best that each man should do what he understands best and what he best can do. For that city will recline in peace, nay, will rather stand up erect, where one man is admired for his popular influence, and another for his wisdom, and another for his liberal expenditure on public objects, and another for his kindness, and another for his severity and unbending sternness towards malefactors, and another because his hands are pure beyond suspicion.”

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IX

CAP.
IX Καὶ ἄμα διὸν ταῦτα ναῦν εἶδε τῶν τριαρμένων
ἐκπλέουσαν καὶ τοὺς ναύτας ἄλλον ἄλλως ἐς τὸ
ἀνάγεσθαι αὐτὴν πράττοντας. ἐπιστρέφων οὖν
τοὺς παρόντας, “όρατε,” εἶπε, “τὸν τῆς οἰών δῆμον,
ώς οἱ μὲν τὰς ἐφολκίδας ἐμβεβήκασιν ἐρετικοὶ
ὄντες, οἱ δὲ ἀγκύρας ἀνιμῶσί τε καὶ ἀναρτῶσιν, οἱ
δὲ ὑπέχουσι τὰ ίστια τῷ ἀνέμῳ, οἱ δὲ ἐκ πρύμνης
τε καὶ πρώρας προορῶσιν; εἰ δὲ ἐν τούτων εἰς
ἔλλειψει τι τῶν ἔαυτοῦ ἔργων ἡ ἀμαθῶς τῆς
ναυτικῆς ἄψεται, πονήρως πλευσοῦνται καὶ ὁ
χειμῶν αὐτοὶ δόξουσιν· εἰ δὲ φιλοτιμήσονται
πρὸς ἔαυτοὺς καὶ στασιάσουσι μὴ κακίων ἔτερος
ἔτέρου δόξαι, καλοὶ μὲν ὅρμοι τῇ νηὶ ταύτῃ, μεστὰ
δὲ εὐδίας τε καὶ εὐπλοίας πάντα, Ποσειδῶν δὲ
‘Ασφάλειος ἡ περὶ αὐτοῖς εὐβουλία δόξει.”

X

CAP.
X Τοιούτοις μὲν δὴ λόγοις ξυνεῖχε τὴν Σμύρναν,
ἐπεὶ δὲ ἡ νόσος τοῖς Ἐφεσίοις ἐνέπεσε καὶ οὐδὲν
ἥν πρὸς αὐτὴν αὔταρκες, ἐπρεσβεύοντο παρὰ τὸν
Ἀπολλώνιον, ἰατρὸν ποιούμενοι αὐτὸν τοῦ πάθους,
οἱ δὲ οὐκ ὥετο δεῖν ἀναβάλλεσθαι τὴν ὁδόν, ἀλλ’
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IX

AND as he was thus discoursing, he saw a ship CHAP. IX
Parable of the ship of state with three sails leaving the harbour, of which the sailors were each discharging their particular duties in working it out to sea. Accordingly by way of reforming his audience he said : “ Now look at that ship’s crew, how some of them being rowers have embarked in the tug-boats, while others are winding up and making fast the anchors, and others again are spreading the sails to the wind, and others are keeping an outlook at bow and stern. Now if a single member of this community abandoned any one of his particular tasks or went about his naval duties in an inexperienced manner, they would have a bad voyage and would themselves impersonate the storm; but if they vie with one another and are rivals only with the object of one showing himself as good a man as the other, then their ship will make the best havens, and all their voyage be one of fair weather and fair sailing, and the precaution they exercise about themselves will prove to be as valuable as if Poseidon our Lord of safety were watching over them.”

X

WITH such harangues as these he knit together CHAP. X
He sootches the plague demon at Ephesus the people of Smyrna ; but when the plague began to rage in Ephesus, and no remedy sufficed to check it, they sent a deputation to Apollonius, asking him to become physician of their infirmity ; and he thought that he ought not to postpone his journey,

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CAP. εἰπὼν “ἴωμεν,” ἦν ἐν Ἐφέσῳ, τοῦ Πυθαγόρου,
^X οἷμαι, ἐκεῦνο πράττων τὸ ἐν Θουρίοις ὄμοῦ καὶ
Μεταποντίοις εἶναι. ξυναγαγὼν οὖν τοὺς Ἐφεσίους,
“θαρσεῖτε,” ἔφη, “τήμερον γὰρ παύσω τὴν νόσον,”
καὶ εἰπὼν ἥγεν ἡλικίαν πᾶσαν ἐπὶ τὸ θέατρον, οὐ
τὸ τοῦ Ἀποτροπαίου ἔδρυται. πτωχεύειν δέ τις
ἐνταῦθα ἐδόκει γέρων ἐπιμύων τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς
τέχνη, καὶ πήραν ἔφερε καὶ ἄρτου ἐν αὐτῇ τρύφος,
ῥάκεσί τε ἡμφίεστο καὶ αὐχμηρῶς εἶχε τοῦ προσ-
ώπου. περιστήσας οὖν τοὺς Ἐφεσίους αὐτῷ,
“βάλλετε τὸν θεοῖς ἔχθρόν,” εἶπε, “ξυλλεξάμενοι
τῶν λίθων ὡς πλείστους.” θαυμαζόντων δὲ τῶν
Ἐφεσίων, ὅ τι λέγοι, καὶ δεινὸν ἥγουμένων, εἰ
ξένον ἀποκτενοῦσιν ἀθλίως οὕτω πράττοντα,
καὶ γὰρ ἵκετενε καὶ πολλὰ ἐπὶ ἐλέφῳ ἔλεγεν,
ἐνέκειτο παρακελευόμενος τοὺς Ἐφεσίους ἐρείδειν
τε καὶ μὴ ἀπέναι. ὡς δὲ ἀκροβολισμῷ τινες ἐπ’
αὐτῷ ἔχρήσαντο, καὶ ὁ καταμύειν δοκῶν ἀνέβλε-
ψεν ἀθρόον πυρός τε μεστοὺς τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς
ἔδειξε, ξυνῆκαν οἱ Ἐφέσιοι τοῦ δαίμονος καὶ
κατελίθωσαν οὗτως αὐτόν, ὡς κολωνὸν λίθων περὶ²
αὐτὸν χώσασθαι. διαλιπὼν δὲ ὀλίγον ἐκέλευσεν
ἀφελεῖν τοὺς λίθους, καὶ τὸ θηρίον, ὃ ἀπεκτόνασι,
γνῶναι. γυμνωθέντος οὖν τοῦ βεβλῆσθαι δο-
κοῦντος, ὃ μὲν ἡφάνιστο, κύων δὲ τὸ μὲν εἰδος

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but said : " Let us go." And forthwith he was in CHAP.
Ephesus, performing the same feat, I believe, as
Pythagoras, who was in Thurii and Metapontum at
one and the same moment. He therefore called
together the Ephesians, and said : " Take courage,
for I will to-day put a stop to the course of the
disease." And with these words he led the popula-
tion entire to the theatre, where the image of the
Averting god has been set up. And there he saw an
old mendicant artfully blinking his eyes like a blind
man, and he carried a wallet and a crust of bread in
it ; and he was clad in rags and was very squalid
of countenance. Apollonius therefore ranged the
Ephesians around him and said : " Pick up as many
stones as you can and hurl them at this enemy of the
gods." Now the Ephesians wondered what he meant,
and were shocked at the idea of murdering a stranger
so manifestly miserable ; for he was begging and
praying them to take mercy upon him. Neverthe-
less Apollonius insisted and egged on the Ephesians
to launch themselves on him and not let him go.
And as soon as some of them began to take shots and
hit him with their stones, the beggar who had
seemed to blink and be blind, gave them all a
sudden glance and showed that his eyes were full of
fire. Then the Ephesians recognised that he was a
demon, and they stoned him so thoroughly that their
stones were heaped into a great cairn around him.
After a little pause Apollonius bade them remove
the stones and acquaint themselves with the wild
animal which they had slain. When therefore they
had exposed the object which they thought they
had thrown their missiles at, they found that he had
disappeared and instead of him there was a hound

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CAP. ὅμοιος τῷ ἐκ Μολοττῶν, μέγεθος δὲ κατὰ τὸν
^X μέγιστον λέοντα, ξυντετριμμένος ὥφθη ὑπὸ τῶν
λίθων, καὶ παραπτύων ἀφρόν, ὥσπερ οἱ λυττῶντες.
τὸ μὲν δὴ τοῦ Ἀποτροπαίου ἔδος, ἔστι δὲ
Ἡρακλῆς, ἴδρυται περὶ τὸ χωρίον, ἐν φὶ τὸ φάσμα
ἐβλήθη.

XI

CAP. ^{XI} Καθήρας δὲ τοὺς Ἐφεσίους τῆς νόσου καὶ τῶν
κατὰ τὴν Ἰωνίαν ἵκανῶς ἔχων, ἐς τὴν Ἑλλάδα
ῶρμητο. βαδίσας οὖν ἐς τὸ Πέργαμον καὶ ἡσθεὶς
τῷ τοῦ Ἀσκληπιοῦ ἱερῷ, τοῖς τε ἰκετεύουσι τὸν
θεὸν ὑποθέμενος, ὅπόσα δρῶντες εὐξυμβόλων
ὄνειράτων τεύξονται, πολλοὺς δὲ καὶ ἰασάμενος,
ῆλθεν ἐς τὴν Ἰλιάδα, καὶ πάσης τῆς περὶ αὐτῶν
ἀρχαιολογίας ἐμφορηθεὶς ἐφοίτησεν ἐπὶ τοὺς τῶν
Ἀχαιῶν τάφους, καὶ πολλὰ μὲν εἰπὼν ἐπ' αὐτοῖς,
πολλὰ δὲ τῶν ἀναίμων τε καὶ καθαρῶν καθαγίσας,
τοὺς μὲν ἐταίρους ἐκέλευσεν ἐπὶ τὴν ναῦν χωρεῖν,
αὐτὸς δὲ ἐπὶ τοῦ κολωνοῦ τοῦ Ἀχιλλέως ἐνυγχεύ-
σειν ἔφη. δεδιττομένων οὖν τῶν ἐταίρων αὐτόν,
καὶ γὰρ δὴ καὶ οἱ Διοσκορίδαι καὶ οἱ Φαίδιμοι
καὶ ἡ τοιάδε ὄμιλία πᾶσα ξυνῆσαν ἥδη τῷ
Ἀπολλωνίῳ, τόν τε Ἀχιλλέα φοβερὸν ἔτι φα-
σκόντων φαίνεσθαι, τουτὶ γὰρ καὶ τοὺς ἐν τῷ Ἰλίῳ
περὶ αὐτοῦ πεπείσθαι, “καὶ μὴν ἐγώ,” ἔφη, “τὸν
Ἀχιλλέα σφόδρα οἴδα ταῖς ξυνουσίαις χαιρούτα,
τόν τε γὰρ Νέστορα τὸν ἐκ τῆς Πύλου μάλα

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who resembled in form and look a Molossian dog,^{CHAP.}
but was in size the equal of the largest lion; there
he lay before their eyes, pounded to a pulp by
their stones and vomiting foam as mad dogs do.
Accordingly the statue of the Averting god, namely
Hercules, has been set up over the spot where
the ghost was slain.^X

XI

HAVING purged the Ephesians of the plague,^{CHAP.}
and having had enough of the people of Ionia, he
started for Hellas. Having made his way then to
Pergamum, and being pleased with the temple of
Asclepius, he gave hints to the supplicants of the
god, what to do in order to obtain favourable dreams;
and having healed many of them he came to the land
of Ilium. And as his mind was stored with all the
traditions of their past, he went to visit the tombs of
the Achaeans, and he delivered himself of many
speeches over them, and he offered many sacrifices
of a bloodless and pure kind; and then he bade
his companions go on board ship, for he himself,
he said, must spend a night on the mound
of Achilles. Now his companions tried to deter
him,—for in fact the sons of Dioscorus and the
Phaedimi, and a whole company of such already
followed in the train of Apollonius,—alleging that
Achilles was still dreadful to look upon; for such
was the conviction about him of the inhabitants of
Ilium. “Nevertheless,” said Apollonius, “I know
Achilles well and that he thoroughly delights in
company; for he heartily welcomed Nestor when he
came from Pylos, because he always had something

In Ilium he
resolves to
interview
the ghost
of Achilles

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CAP. ησπάζετο, ἐπειδὴ ἀεί τι αὐτῷ διήει χρηστόν, τόν
^{XI} τε Φοίνικα τροφέα καὶ ὀπαδὸν καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα
τιμᾶν ἐνόμιζεν, ἐπειδὴ διῆγεν αὐτὸν ὁ Φοίνιξ
λόγοις, καὶ τὸν Πρίαμον δὲ καίτοι πολεμιώτατον
αὐτῷ ὅντα πραότατα εἶδεν, ἐπειδὴ διαλεγομένου
ἥκουσε, καὶ Ὁδυσσεῖ δὲ ἐν διχοστασίᾳ ξυγγενό-
μενος οὕτω μέτριος ὥφθη, ὡς καλὸς τῷ Ὁδυσσεῖ
μᾶλλον ἢ φοβερὸς δόξαι. τὴν μὲν δὴ ἀσπίδα καὶ
τὴν κόρυν τὴν δεινόν, ὡς φασι, νεύουσαν, ἐπὶ τοὺς
Τρῶας οἴμαι αὐτῷ εἶναι μεμνημένῳ, ἀ ὑπ' αὐτῶν
ἔπαθεν ἀπιστησάντων πρὸς αὐτὸν ὑπὲρ τοῦ γάμου,
ἐγὼ δὲ οὕτε μετέχω τι τοῦ Ἰλίου, διαλέξομαι τε
αὐτῷ χαριέστερον ἢ οἱ τότε ἔταίροι, καν ἀπο-
κτείνῃ με, ὡς φατε, μετὰ Μέμνονος δήπου καὶ
Κύκνου κείσομαι καὶ ἵσως με ἐν καπέτῳ κοίλῃ,
καθάπερ τὸν "Ἐκτόρα, ἡ Τροία θάψει." τοιαῦτα
πρὸς τοὺς ἔταίρους ἀναμὰξ παιξας τε καὶ σπου-
δάσας, προσέβαινε τῷ κολωνῷ μόνος, οἱ δὲ
έβαδιζον ἐπὶ τὴν ναῦν ἐσπέρας ἥδη.

XII

CAP. Ο δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος περὶ ὅρθρου ἥκων, “ποῦ,”
^{XII} ἔφη, “Ἀντισθένης ὁ Πάριος;” ἐβδόμην δὲ οὗτος
ἡμέραν ἐτύγχανεν ἥδη προσπεφοιτηκὼς αὐτῷ ἐν
Ἰλίῳ. ὑπακούσαντος δὲ τοῦ Ἀντισθένους, “προσ-
ήκεις τι,” ἔφη, “ὦ νεανία, τῇ Τροίᾳ;” “σφόδρα,”
εἶπεν, “εἰμὶ γὰρ δὴ ἄνωθεν Τρώς.” “ἢ καὶ Πρια-

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useful to tell him ; and he used to honour Phoenix CHAP. XI with the title of foster-father and companion and so forth, because Phoenix entertained him with his talk ; and he looked most mildly upon Priam also, although he was his bitterest enemy, so soon as he heard him talk ; and when in the course of a quarrel he had an interview with Odysseus, he made himself so gracious that Odysseus thought him more handsome than terrible. For, I think that his shield and his plumes that waved so terribly, as they say, are a menace to the Trojans, because he can never forget, what he suffered at their hands, when they played him false over the marriage. But I have nothing in common with Ilium, and I shall talk to him more pleasantly than his former companions ; and if he slays me, as you say he will, why then I shall repose with Memnon and Cycnus, Iliad 24. 797 and perhaps Troy will bury me ‘in a hollow sepulchre’ as they did Hector.” Such were his words to his companions, half playful and half serious, as he went up alone to the barrow ; but they went on board ship, for it was already evening.

XII

BUT Apollonius came about dawn to them and CHAP. XII said : “ Where is Antisthenes of Paros ? ” And this person had joined their society seven days before in Ilium. And when Antisthenes answered that he was there, he said : “ Have you, O young man, any Trojan blood in your veins ? ” “ Certainly I have,” he said, “ for I am a Trojan by ancestry.” “ And a descendant of Priam as well ? ” asked Apollonius.

Antisthenes sent away by order of Achilles

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CAP. XIII μίδης ; ” “ νὴ Δὲ ,” εἰπεν “ ἐκ τούτου γὰρ δὴ ἀγαθός τε οἴμαι καξ ἀγαθῶν εἶναι.” “ εἰκότως οὖν ,” ἔφη , “ ὁ Ἀχιλλεὺς ἀπαγορεύει μοι μὴ ξυνεῖναι σοι , κελεύσαντος γὰρ αὐτοῦ πρεσβεῦσαι με πρὸς τοὺς Θετταλοὺς περὶ ὧν αἰτιᾶται σφᾶς , ώς ἡρόμην , τί ἀν πρὸς τούτῳ ἔτερον πρὸς χάριν αὐτῷ πράττοιμι , τὸ μειράκιον ἔφη τὸ ἐκ Πάρου μὴ ποιούμενος ξυνέμπορον τῆς ἑαυτοῦ σοφίας , Πριαμίδης τε γὰρ ἵκανῶς ἐστι καὶ τὸν “ Εκτορα ὑμῶν οὐ παύεται .”

XIII

CAP. XIII Ό μὲν δὴ Ἀντισθένης ἄκων ἀπῆλθεν , ἐπεὶ δὲ ήμέρα ἐγένετο καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα ἐκ τῆς γῆς ἐπεδίδου , περὶ τε ἀναγωγὴν ἡ ναῦς εἶχεν , ἐπέρρεον αὐτῇ σμικρὰ οὕση πλείους ἔτεροι , βουλόμενοι τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ ξυμπλεῖν , καὶ γὰρ μετόπωρον ἥδη ἐτύγχανε καὶ ἡ θάλαττα ἡττον βεβαία . πάντες οὖν καὶ χειμῶνος καὶ πυρὸς καὶ τῶν χαλεπωτάτων κρείττω τὸν ἄνδρα ἡγούμενοι ξυνεμβαίνειν ἥθελον , καὶ ἐδέοντο προσδοῦναι σφισι τῆς κοινωνίας τοῦ πλοῦ . ἐπεὶ δὲ τὸ πλήρωμα πολλαπλάσιον ἦν τῆς νεώς , ναῦν μείζω ἐτέραν ἐπισκεψάμενος , πολλαὶ δὲ περὶ τὸ Αἰάντειον ἤσαν , “ ἐνταῦθα ,” ἔφη , “ ἐμβαίνωμεν , καλὸν γὰρ τὸ μετὰ πλειόνων σώζεσθαι .” περιβαλὼν οὖν τὸ Τρωικὸν ἀκρωτήριον , ἐκέλευσε

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“Why yes, by Zeus,” answered the other, “and CHAP.
that is why I consider myself a good man and of XII
good stock.” “That explains then,” said the sage,
“why Achilles forbids me to associate with you; for
after he bade me go as his deputy to the Thessalians
in the matter of a complaint which he has against
them, and I asked him whether there was anything
else which I could do to please him, ‘yes,’ he said,
‘you must take care not to initiate the young man
from Paros in your wisdom, for he is too much of a
descendant of Priam, and the praise of Hector is
never out of his mouth.’”

XIII

ACCORDINGLY Antisthenes went off though against CHAP.
his will; and when the day broke and the wind off XIII
shore increased in strength, and the ship was ready
to be launched, it was invaded in spite of its small
dimensions by a number of other people who were
anxious to share the voyage with Apollonius; for it
was already autumn and the sea was not much to be
trusted. They all then regarded Apollonius as one
who was master of the tempest and of fire and of
perils of all sorts, and so wished to go on board
with him, and begged him to allow them to share
the voyage with him. But as the company was
many times too great for the ship, spying a larger
ship,—for there were many in the neighbourhood of
the tomb of Ajax,—he said: “Let us go on board
this, for it is a good thing to get home safely with
as many as may be.” He accordingly doubled the
promontory of Troy, and then commanded the pilot

Sets sail
from the
tomb of
Ajax for
Methymna

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CAP. τὸν κυβερνήτην κατασχεῖν ἐς τὴν Αἰολέων, ἡ
XIII ἀντιπέρας Λέσβου κεῖται, πρὸς Μήθυμνάν τε μᾶλλον τετραμμένον ποιεῖσθαι τὸν ὄρμον. “ἐνταῦθα γάρ που τὸν Παλαμήδην φησὶν ὁ Ἀχιλλεὺς κεῖσθαι, οὐ καὶ ἄγαλμα αὐτοῦ εἶναι πηχυαῖον, ἐν πρεσβυτέρῳ, ἡ ὡς Παλαμήδης, τῷ εἴδει.” καὶ ἂμα ἔξιὼν τῆς νεώς, “ἐπιμεληθῶμεν,” εἶπεν, “ὦ ἄνδρες “Ελληνες, ἀγαθοῦ ἄνδρός, δι’ ὃν σοφία πάσα, καὶ γὰρ ἀν καὶ τῶν γε Ἀχαιῶν βελτίους γενοίμεθα, τιμῶντες δι’ ἀρετήν, ὃν ἐκεῖνοι δίκη οὐδεμιᾷ ἀπέκτειναν.” οἱ μὲν δὴ ἔξεπήδων τῆς νεώς, ὁ δὲ ἐνέτυχε τῷ τάφῳ καὶ τὸ ἄγαλμα κατορωρυγμένον πρὸς αὐτῷ εύρεν. ἐπεγέγραπτο δὲ τῇ βάσει τοῦ ἀγάλματος ΘΕΙΩΙ ΠΑΛΑΜΗΔΕΙ. καθιδρύσας οὖν αὐτό, ὡς κάγῳ εἴδον, καὶ ιερὸν περὶ αὐτὸ βαλόμενος, ὅσον οἱ τὴν Ἐνοδίαν τιμῶντες, ἔστι γὰρ ὡς δέκα ξυμπότας ἐν αὐτῷ εύωχεῖσθαι, τοιάνδε εὐχὴν ηὔξατο· “Παλάμηδες, ἐκλάθουν τῆς μήνιδος, ἦν ἐν τοῖς Ἀχαιοῖς ποτε ἐμήνισας, καὶ δίδουν γίγνεσθαι πολλούς τε καὶ σοφοὺς ἄνδρας. ναὶ Παλάμηδες, δι’ ὃν λόγοι, δι’ ὃν Μοῦσαι, δι’ ὃν ἐγώ.”

XIV

CAP. Παρῆλθε καὶ ἐς τὸ τοῦ Ὁρφέως ἄδυτον προσ-
XIV ορμισάμενος τῇ Λέσβῳ. φασὶ δὲ ἐνταῦθα ποτε
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to shape his course towards the country of the Aeolians, which lies over against Lesbos, and then to turn as close as he could to Methymna, and there to cast anchor.

For there it was, he said, that Achilles declared Palamedes lay, where also they would find his image a cubit high, representing however a man older than was ever Palamedes.

And at the moment of disembarking from the ship, he said :

"Let us show our respect, O ye Greeks, for so good a man to whom we owe all wisdom. For we shall anyhow prove ourselves better men than the Achaeans, if we pay tribute to the excellence of one whom they so unjustly slew." They accordingly leapt out of the ship, but he hit upon the tomb and found the statue buried beside it. And there were inscribed on the base of the statue the words : "To the divine Palamedes." He accordingly set it up again in its place, as I myself saw ; and he raised a shrine around it of the size which the worshippers of the goddess of the crossways, called Enodia, use ; for it was large enough for ten persons at once to sit and drink and keep good cheer in ; and having done so he offered up the following prayer : "O Palamedes, do thou forget the wrath, wherewith thou wast wroth against the Achaeans, and grant that men may multiply in numbers and wisdom. Yea, O Palamedes, author of all eloquence, author of the Muses, author of myself."

Finds and
restores the
statue of
Palamedes

XIV

HE also visited in passing the shrine of Orpheus when he had put in at Lesbos. And they tell that

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. XIV τὸν Ὀρφέα μαντικὴν χαίρειν, ἔστε τὸν Ἀπόλλωνα ἐπιμεμελῆσθαι αὐτὸν. ἐπειδὴ γὰρ μήτε ἐς Γρύνειον ἐφοίτων ἔτι ὑπὲρ χρησμῶν ἄνθρωποι μήτε ἐς Κλάρον μήτ' ἔνθα ὁ τρίποντος ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, Ὀρφεὺς δὲ ἔχρα μόνος, ἅρτι ἐκ Θράκης ἡ κέφαλὴ ἥκουσα, ἐφίσταταί οἱ χρησμῳδοῦντι ὁ θεὸς καὶ, “πέπαυσο,” ἔφη, “τῶν ἐμῶν, καὶ γὰρ δὴ καὶ ἀδοντά σε ἰκανῶς ἥμεγκα.”

XV

CAP. XV Πλεόντων δὲ αὐτῶν μετὰ ταῦτα τὸ ἐπ' Εὔβοίας πέλαγος, δὲ καὶ Ὄμήρῳ δοκεῖ τῶν χαλεπῶν καὶ δυσμετρήτων εἶναι, ἡ μὲν θάλαττα ὑπτία καὶ τῆς ὥρας κρείττων ἐφαίνετο, λόγοι τε ἐγίγνοντο περὶ τε νήσων, ἐπειδὴ πολλαῖς τε καὶ ὀνομασταῖς ἐνετύγχανον, περὶ τε ναυπηγίας καὶ κυβερνητικῆς πρόσφοροι τοῖς πλέουσιν, ἐπεὶ δὲ ὁ Δάμις τοὺς μὲν διέβαλλε τῶν λόγων, τοὺς δὲ ὑπετέμνετο, τοὺς δὲ οὐ ξυνεχώρει ἐρωτᾶν, ξυνῆκεν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, ὅτι λόγον ἔτερον σπουδάσαι βουλοιτο, καί, “τί παθών,” ἔφη, “ὦ Δάμι, διασπᾶς τὰ ἐρωτώμενα; οὐ γὰρ ναυτιῶν γε, ἡ ὑπὸ τοῦ πλοῦ πονηρῶς ἔχων ἀποστρέφῃ τοὺς λόγους, ἡ γὰρ θάλαττα, ὁρᾶς, ὡς ὑποτέθεικεν ἑαυτὴν τῇ νηὶ καὶ πέμπει. τί οὖν δυσχεραίνεις;” “ὅτι,” ἔφη, “λόγου μεγάλου ἐν

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it was here that Orpheus once on a time loved to prophesy, before Apollo had turned his attention to him. For when the latter found that men no longer flocked to Gryneum for the sake of oracles nor to Clarus nor (to Delphi) where is the tripod of Apollo, and that Orpheus was the only oracle, his head having lately come from Thrace, he presented himself before the giver of oracles and said : " Cease to meddle with my affairs, for I have already put up long enough with your vaticinations."

CHAP.
XIV
Visits the shrine of Orpheus in Lesbos

XV

AFTER this they continued their voyage along the sea of Euboea, which Homer considered to be one of the most dangerous and difficult to traverse. However the sea was smooth and was much better than you expected in that season ; and their conversation turned upon the many and famous islands which they were visiting, and upon ship-building and pilotage and other topics suitable to a voyage. But as Damis found fault with some of the things they said, and cut short many of their remarks, and would not allow some of their questions to be put, Apollonius realised that he was anxious to discuss some other topic and said : " What ails you, Damis, that you break in on the course of our questions in this way ? For I am sure that it is not because you are seasick or in any way inconvenienced by the voyage, that you object to our conversation ; for you see how smoothly our ship is wafted over her bosom by the submissive sea. Why then are you so uneasy ? " " Because," replied the other, " when a

CHAP.
XV
Enters the sea of Euboea. Damis curious about Achilles

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. μέσω δυτος, δν εικὸς ἡν ἐρωτᾶν μᾶλλον, ἡμεῖς δὲ
XV τοὺς ἑώλους τε καὶ ἀρχαίους ἐρωτῶμεν.” “καὶ
τίς,” εἶπεν, “ό λόγος οὗτος εἰη ἄν, δι’ δν τοὺς
ἄλλους ἡγῆ περιττούς;” “’Αχιλλεῦ,” ἔφη, “ξυγ-
γενόμενος, ω ’Απολλώνιε, καὶ πολλὰ ἵσως δια-
κηκοὼς μήπω ἡμῖν γιγνωσκόμενα, οὐ δίει ταῦτα,
οὐδὲ τὸ εἶδος ἡμῶν τοῦ ’Αχιλλέως ἀνατυποῖς, περι-
πλεῖς δὲ τὰς νήσους καὶ ναυπηγεῖς τῷ λόγῳ.”
“εὶ μὴ ἀλαζονεύεσθαι,” ἔφη, “δόξω, πάντα εἰρή-
σεται.”

XVI

CAP. Δεομένων δὲ καὶ τῶν ἄλλων τοῦ λόγου τούτου
XVI καὶ φιληκόώς ἔχόντων αὐτοῦ, “ἀλλ’ οὐχὶ βόθρον,”
εἶπεν, “Οδυσσέως ὄρυξάμενος, οὐδὲ ἀρνῶν αἴματι
ψυχαγωγήσας, ἐς διάλεξιν τοῦ ’Αχιλλέως ἥλθον,
ἀλλ’ εὐξάμενος, ὅπόσα τοῖς ἥρωσιν ’Ινδοί φασιν
εὔχεσθαι, “ω ’Αχιλλεῦ,” ἔφη, “τεθνάναι σε οἱ
πολλοὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων φασίν, ἐγὼ δὲ οὐ ξυγχωρῶ
τῷ λόγῳ, οὐδὲ Πυθαγόρας σοφίας ἐμῆς πρόγονος.
εὶ δὴ ἀληθεύομεν, δεῖξον ἡμῖν τὸ σεαυτοῦ εἶδος,
καὶ γὰρ ἀν δυαιο ἄγαν τῶν ἐμῶν ὁφθαλμῶν,
εὶ μάρτυσιν αὐτοῖς τοῦ εἶναι χρήσαιο.” ἐπὶ
τούτοις σεισμὸς μὲν περὶ τὸν κολωνὸν βραχὺς
ἐγένετο, πεντάπηχυς δὲ νεανίας ἀνεδόθη Θεττα-
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great topic suggests itself, which we surely ought rather to be asking about, we are asking questions about these threadbare and antiquated subjects."

"And what," said Apollonius, "may be this topic which makes you regard all others as superfluous?"

"You have," he answered, "had an interview with Achilles, O Apollonius, and probably you have heard him speak at length of many things so far unknown to ourselves; and yet you tell us nothing about these, nor do you describe to us the figure of Achilles, but you fill your conversation with talk of the islands we are sailing round and of ship-building."

"If you will not accuse me of bragging," said Apollonius, "you shall hear everything."

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XVI

THE rest of the company also besought him to tell them all about it, and as they were in a mood to listen to him, he said: "Well, it was not by digging a ditch like Odysseus, nor by tempting souls with the blood of sheep, that I obtained a conversation with Achilles; but I offered up the prayer which the Indians say they use in approaching their heroes. 'O Achilles,' I said, 'most of mankind declare that you are dead, but I cannot agree with them, nor can Pythagoras, my spiritual ancestor. If then we hold the truth, show to us your own form; for you would profit not a little by showing yourself to my eyes, if you should be able to use them to attest your existence.' Thereupon a slight earthquake shook the neighbourhood of the barrow, and a youth issued forth five cubits high, wearing a cloak of

CHAP.
XVI

Apollonius
relates his
interview
with
Achilles

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CAP. ΛΙΚΩΣ τὴν χλαμύδα, τὸ δὲ εἶδος οὐκ ἀλαζών τις
XVI ἔφαινετο, ὡς ἐνίοις ὁ Ἀχιλλεὺς δοκεῖ, δεινός τε
όρώμενος οὐκ ἐξήλλαττε τοῦ φαιδροῦ, τὸ δὲ
κάλλος οὕπω μοι δοκεῖ ἐπαινέτου ἀξίου ἐπειλῆ-
φθαι, καίτοι Ὁμήρου πολλὰ ἐπ' αὐτῷ εἰπόντος,
ἀλλὰ ἄρρητον εἶναι καὶ καταλύεσθαι μᾶλλον ὑπὸ¹
τοῦ ὑμνοῦντος ἡ παραπλησίως ἑαυτῷ ἄδεσθαι.
όρώμενος δέ, ὅπόσον εἰπον, μείζων ἐγίγνετο καὶ
διπλάσιος καὶ ὑπὲρ τοῦτο, δωδεκάπηχυς γοῦν
ἔφάνη μοι, ὅτε δὴ τελεώτατος ἑαυτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ
τὸ κάλλος ἀεὶ ξυνεπεδίδουν τῷ μήκει. τὴν μὲν δὴ
κόμην οὐδὲ κείρασθαι ποτε ἔλεγεν, ἀλλὰ ἀσυλον
φυλάξαι τῷ Σπερχειῷ, ποταμῶν γὰρ πρώτῳ
Σπερχειῷ χρήσασθαι, τὰ γένεια δ' αὐτῷ πρώτας
ἐκβολὰς εἶχε.

προσειπὼν δέ με, “ἀσμένως,” εἶπεν, “ἐντετύ-
χηκά σοι, πάλαι δεόμενος ἀνδρὸς τοιοῦνδε· Θετ-
ταλοὶ γὰρ τὰ ἐναγίσματα χρόνον ἥδη πολὺν
ἐκλελοίπασί μοι, καὶ μηνίειν μὲν οὕπω ἀξιῶ,
μηνίσαντος γὰρ ἀπολοῦνται μᾶλλον ἡ οἱ ἐνταῦθα
ποτε”Ελληνες, ξυμβουλίᾳ δὲ ἐπιεικεῖ χρῶμαι, μὴ
ὑβρίζειν σφᾶς ἐς τὰ νόμιμα, μηδὲ κακίους ἐλέγχε-
σθαι τουτωνὶ τῶν Τρώων, οἱ τοσούσδε ἄνδρας ὑπ'
ἐμοῦ ἀφαιρεθέντες δημοσίᾳ τε θύουσί μοι καὶ
ώραιών ἀπάρχονται, καὶ ἵκετηρίαν τιθέμενοι σπου-
δὰς αἰτοῦσιν, ἀς ἐγὼ οὐ δώσω· τὰ γὰρ ἐπιορκηθέντα

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Thessalian fashion ; but in appearance he was by no means the braggart figure which some imagine Achille^{CHAP.} to have been. Though he was stern to look upon, he never lost his bright look ; and it seems to me that his beauty has never received its meed of praise, even though Homer dwelt at length upon it ; for it was really beyond the power of words, and it is easier for the singer to ruin his fame in this respect than to praise him as he deserved. At first sight he was of the size which I have mentioned, but he grew bigger, till he was twice as large and even more than that ; at any rate he appeared to me to be twelve cubits high just at that moment when he reached his complete stature, and his beauty grew apace with his length. He told me then that he had never at any time shorn off his hair, but preserved it inviolate for the river Spercheus, for this was the first river he had consulted ; but on his cheeks you saw the first down.

“ And he addressed me and said : ‘ I am pleased to have met you, since I have long wanted a man like yourself. For the Thessalians for a long time past have failed to present their offerings at my tomb, and I do not yet wish to show my wrath against them ; for if I did so, they would perish more thoroughly than ever the Hellenes did on this spot ; accordingly I resort to gentle advice, and would warn them not to violate ancient custom, nor to prove themselves worse men than the Trojans here, who though they were robbed of so many of their heroes by myself, yet sacrifice publicly to me, and also give me the tithes of their fruits in season, and olive branch in hand ask for a truce from my hostility. But this I will not grant,

Thessalian neglect of his tomb

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CAP. ΤΟΥΤΟΙΣ ἐπ' ἐμὲ οὐκ ἔάσει τὸ **"Ιλιόν ποτε τὸ ἀρχαῖον**
XVI **ἀναλαβεῖν εἰδος,** οὐδὲ τυχεῖν ἀκμῆς, ὅπόση περὶ
πολλὰς τῶν καθηρημένων ἐγένετο, ἀλλ' οἰκήσουσιν
αὐτὸ βελτίους οὐδὲν ἦ εἰ χθὲς ἥλωσαν. **ἴν' οὖν μὴ**
καὶ τὰ Θετταλῶν ἀποφαίνω ὅμοια, πρέσβευε παρὰ
τὸ κοινὸν αὐτῶν ὑπὲρ ὧν εἶπον." "πρεσβεύσω,"
ἔφην, "ό γὰρ νοῦς τῆς πρεσβείας ἦν μὴ ἀπολέσθαι
αὐτούς. ἀλλ' ἐγώ τί σου, 'Αχιλλεῦ, δέοματ." "**ξυνίημι,**"
ἔφη, "δῆλος γὰρ εἰ περὶ τῶν Τρωικῶν
ἐρωτήσων ἐρώτα δὲ λόγους πέντε, οὓς αὐτός τε
βούλει καὶ Μοῖραι **ξυγχωροῦσιν.**" **ἡρόμην** οὖν
πρῶτον, εἰ κατὰ τὸν τῶν ποιητῶν λόγον ἔτυχε
τάφου. "κεῖμαι μέν," εἶπεν, "ώς ἔμοιγε ἥδιστον
καὶ Πατρόκλῳ ἐγένετο, **ξυνέβημεν** γὰρ δὴ κομιδῇ
νέοι, **ξυνέχει** δὲ ἄμφω χρυσοῦς ἀμφορεὺς κειμένους,
ώς **ἔνα.** **Μουσῶν** δὲ θρῆνοι καὶ Νηρηίδων, οὓς
ἐπ' **ἔμοὶ γενέσθαι φασί,** **Μοῦσαι** μὲν οὐδὲ ἀφίκοντό¹
ποτε **ἔνταῦθα,** **Νηρηίδες** δὲ ἔτι **φοιτῶσι.**" μετὰ
ταῦτα δὲ **ἡρόμην,** εἰ ἡ Πολυξένη ἐπισφαγείη αὐτῷ,
ό δὲ ἀλλητὲς μὲν **ἔφη** τοῦτο **εἰναι,** **σφαγῆναι** δὲ
αὐτὴν οὐχ ὑπὸ τῶν **'Αχαιῶν,** ἀλλ' **έκοῦσαν** ἐπὶ²
τὸ σῆμα **ἔλθοῦσαν** καὶ τὸν **έαυτῆς** τε **κάκείνουν**
ἐρωτα **μεγάλων** **ἀξιώσαι** **προσπεσοῦσαν** **ξίφει**
όρθῳ. **τρίτον** **ἡρόμην** "ἡ 'Ελένη, ω 'Αχιλλεῦ, ἐς
Τροίαν **ἥλθεν** ἦ 'Ομήρῳ **ἔδοξεν** **ὑποθέσθαι ταῦτα;**"

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for the perjuries which they committed against me CHAP.
will not suffer Ilium ever to resume its pristine XVI
beauty, nor to regain the prosperity which yet has
favoured many a city that was destroyed of old ; nay,
if they rebuild it, things shall go as hard with them as
if their city had been captured only yesterday. In
order then to save me from bringing the Thessalian
polity to the same condition, you must go as my
envoy to their council in behalf of the object I have
mentioned.' 'I will be your envoy,' I replied,
'for the object of my embassy were to save them
from ruin. But, O Achilles, I would ask something
of you.' 'I understand,' said he, 'for it is plain
you are going to ask about the Trojan war. So
ask me five questions about whatever you like,
and that the Fates approve of.' 'I accordingly
asked him firstly, if he had obtained burial in
accordance with the story of the poets.' 'I lie here,'
he answered, 'as was most delightful to myself and
Patroclus ; for you know we met in mere youth, and
a single golden jar holds the remains of both of us,
as if we were one. But as for the dirges of the
Muses and of the Nereids, which they say are sung
over me, the Muses, I may tell you, never once came
here at all, though the Nereids still resort to the
spot.' Next I asked him, if Polyxena was really
slaughtered over his tomb ; and he replied that this
was true, but that she was slain not by the Achaeans,
but that she came of her own free will to the
sepulchre, and that so high was the value she
set on her own passion for him and his for her, that
she threw herself upon a drawn sword. The third
question I asked was this : 'Did Helen, O Achilles,
really come to Troy or was it Homer that was

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CAP. XVI “πολύν,” ἔφη, “χρόνον ἐξηπατώμεθα πρεσβευόμενοί τε παρὰ τοὺς Τρῶας, καὶ ποιούμενοι τὰς ὑπὲρ αὐτῆς μάχας, ώς ἐν τῷ Ἰλίῳ οὕσης, ἡ δὲ Αἴγυπτόν τε φέκει καὶ τὸν Πρωτέως οἰκουν ἀρπασθεῖσα ὑπὸ τοῦ Πάριδος. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἐπιστεύθη τοῦτο, ὑπὲρ αὐτῆς τῆς Τροίας λοιπὸν ἐμαχόμεθα, ώς μὴ αἰσχρῶς ἀπέλθοιμεν.” ἡψάμην καὶ τετάρτης ἐρωτήσεως καὶ θαυμάζειν ἔφην, εἰ τοσούσδε ὁμοῦ καὶ τοιούσδε ἄνδρας ἡ Ἑλλὰς ἦνεγκεν, ὅπόσους “Ομηρος ἐπὶ τὴν Τροίαν ξυντάττει. ὁ δὲ Ἀχιλλεύς, “οὐδὲ οἱ βάρβαροι,” ἔφη, “πολὺ νήμῶν ἐλείποντο, οὔτως ἡ γῆ πᾶσα ἀρετῆς ἥνθησε.” πέμπτον δὲ ἡρόμην· τί παθὼν “Ομηρος τὸν Παλαμήδην οὐκ οἶδεν, ἡ οἵδε μέν, ἐξαιρεῖ δὲ τοῦ περὶ ὑμῶν λόγου; “εἰ Παλαμήδης,” εἶπεν, “ἐσ Τροίαν οὐκ ἦλθεν, οὐδὲ Τροία ἐγένετο. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἀνὴρ σοφώτατός τε καὶ μαχιμώτατος ἀπέθανεν, ώς Ὁδυσσεῖ ἔδοξεν, οὐκ ἐσάγεται αὐτὸν ἐσ τὰ ποιήματα “Ομηρος, ώς μὴ τὰ ὀνείδη τοῦ Ὁδυσσέως ἄδοι.” καὶ ἐπολοφυράμενος αὐτῷ ὁ Ἀχιλλεὺς ώς μεγίστῳ τε καὶ καλλίστῳ, νεωτάτῳ τε καὶ πολεμικωτάτῳ, σωφροσύνῃ τε ὑπερβαλομένῳ πάντας καὶ πολλὰ ξυμβαλομένῳ ταῖς Μούσαις, “ἀλλὰ σύ,” ἔφη, “Ἀπολλώνιε, σοφοῖς γὰρ πρὸς σοφοὺς ἐπιτήδεια, τοῦ τε τάφου ἐπιμελήθητι, καὶ τὸ ἄγαλμα τοῦ Παλαμήδους ἀνάλαβε φαύλως ἐρριμμένον· κεῖται δὲ ἐν τῇ Αἰολίδι κατὰ Μήθυμναν τὴν ἐν Λέσβῳ.” ταῦτα εἰπὼν καὶ ἐπὶ πᾶσι

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pleased to make up the story?' 'For a long time,' he replied, 'we were deceived and tricked into sending envoys to the Trojans and fighting battles in her behalf, in the belief that she was in Ilium, whereas she really was living in Egypt and in the house of Proteus, whither she had been snatched away by Paris. But when we became convinced thereof, we continued to fight to win Troy itself, so as not to disgrace ourselves by retreat.' The fourth question which I ventured upon was this: 'I wonder,' I said, 'whether Greece has ever produced at any one time so many and such distinguished heroes as Homer says were gathered against Troy.' But Achilles answered: 'Why even the barbarians did not fall far short of us, so abundantly then did excellence flourish all over the earth.' And my fifth question was this: 'Why was it that Homer knew nothing about Palamedes, or if he knew him, then kept him out of your story?' 'If Palamedes,' he answered, 'never came to Troy, then Troy never existed either. But since this wisest and most warlike hero fell in obedience to Odysseus' whim, Homer does not introduce him into his poems, lest he should have to record the shame of Odysseus in his song.' And withal Achilles raised a wail over him as over one who was the greatest and most beautiful of men, the youngest and also the most warlike, one who in sobriety surpassed all others, and had often foregathered with the Muses. 'But you,' he added, 'O Apollonius, since sages have a tender regard for one another, you must care for his tomb and restore the image of Palamedes that has been so contemptuously cast aside; and it lies in Aeolis close to Methymna'

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CAP.
XVI τὰ περὶ τὸν νεανίαν τὸν ἐκ Πάρου, ἀπῆλθε ξὺν
ἀστραπῇ μετρίᾳ, καὶ γὰρ δὴ καὶ ἀλεκτρυόνες ἤδη
ῳδῆς ἥπτοντο.”

XVII

CAP.
XVII Τοιαῦτα μὲν τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς νεώς, ἐς δὲ τὸν Πειραιᾶ
ἐσπλεύσας περὶ μυστηρίων ὕραν, ὅτε Ἀθηναῖοι
πολυανθρωπότατα Ἑλλήνων πράττουσιν, ἀνήει
ξυντείνας ἀπὸ τῆς νεώς ἐς τὸ ἄστυ, προιὼν δὲ
πολλοῖς τῶν φιλοσοφούντων ἐνετύγχανε Φάληράδε
κατιούσιν, ὃν οἱ μὲν γυμνοὶ ἔθέρουντο, καὶ γὰρ τὸ
μετόπωρον εὐήλιον τοῖς Ἀθηναίοις, οἱ δὲ ἐκ
Βιβλίων ἐσπούδαζον, οἱ δ' ἀπὸ στόματος ἡσκοῦντο,
οἱ δὲ ἥριζον. παρήει δὲ οὐδεὶς αὐτόν, ἀλλὰ τεκ-
μηράμενοι πάντες, ώς εἴη Ἀπολλώνιος, ξυνανε-
στρέφοντό τε καὶ ἡσπάζοντο χαίροντες, νεανίσκοι
δὲ ὁμοῦ δέκα περιτυχόντες αὐτῷ, “νὴ τὴν Ἀθηνᾶν
ἐκείνην,” ἔφασαν ἀνατείναντες τὰς χεῖρας ἐς τὴν
ἀκρόπολιν, “ἡμεῖς ἄρτι ἐς Πειραιᾶ ἐβαδίζομεν
πλευσόμενοι ἐς Ιωνίαν παρὰ σέ.” ὁ δὲ ἀπεδέχετο
αὐτῶν καὶ ξυγχαίρειν ἔφη φιλοσοφούσιν.

XVIII

CAP.
XVIII Ἡν μὲν δὴ Ἐπιδαυρίων ἡμέρα. τὰ δὲ Ἐπι-
δαύρια μετὰ πρόρρησίν τε καὶ ἰερεῖα δεῦρο μνεῖν
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in Lesbos.' With these words and with the closing CHAP.
remarks concerning the youth from Paros, Achilles XVI
vanished with a flash of summer lightning, for indeed
the cocks were already beginning their chant."

XVII

So much for the conversation on board; but CHAP.
having sailed into the Piraeus at the season of the XVII
mysteries, when the Athenians keep the most His
crowded of Hellenic festivals, he went post haste up welcome
from the ship into the city; but as he went forward, in Athens
he fell in with quite a number of students of philosophy on their way down to Phalerum. Some of them were stripped and underwent the heat, for in autumn the sun is hot upon the Athenians; and others were studying books, and some were rehearsing their speeches, and others were disputing. But no one passed him by, for they all guessed that it was Apollonius, and they turned and thronged around him and welcomed him warmly; and ten youths in a body met him, and holding up their hands towards the Acropolis they cried: "By Athene yonder, we were on the point of going down to the Piraeus there to take ship to Ionia in order to visit you." And he welcomed them and said how much he congratulated them on their study of philosophy.

XVIII

It was then the day of the Epidaurian festival, CHAP.
at which it is still customary for the Athenians to XVIII

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CAP. XVIII. Ἀθηναίοις πάτριον ἐπὶ θυσίᾳ δευτέρᾳ, τουτὶ δὲ ἐνόμισαν Ἀσκληπιοῦ ἔνεκα, ὅτι δὴ ἐμύστησαν αὐτὸν ἥκοντα Ἐπιδαιρόθεν ὁψὲ μυστηρίων. ἀμελήσαντες δὲ οἱ πολλοὶ τοῦ μυεῖσθαι περὶ τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον εἰχον, καὶ τοῦτ' ἐσπούδαζον μᾶλλον ἢ τὸ ἀπελθεῖν τετελεσμένοι, ὁ δὲ ξυνέσεσθαι μὲν αὐτοῖς αὐθις ἔλεγεν, ἐκέλευσε δὲ πρὸς τοὺς Ἱεροῖς τότε γίγνεσθαι, καὶ γὰρ αὐτὸς μυεῖσθαι. ὁ δὲ Ἱεροφάντης οὐκ ἐβούλετο παρέχειν τὰ Ἱερά, μὴ γὰρ ἂν ποτε μυῆσαι γόητα, μηδὲ τὴν Ἐλευσῖνα ἀνοίξαι ἀνθρώπῳ μὴ καθαρῷ τὰ δαιμόνια. ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος οὐδὲν ὑπὸ τούτων ἥπτων αὐτοῦ γενόμενος, “οὕπω,” ἔφη, “τὸ μέγιστον, ὃν ἐγὼ ἐγκληθείην ἄν, εἴρηκας, ὅτι περὶ τῆς τελετῆς πλείω ἢ σὺ γιγνώσκων, ἐγὼ δὲ ώς παρὰ σοφώτερον ἐμαυτοῦ μυησόμενος ἥλθον.” ἐπαινεσάντων δὲ τῶν παρόντων, ώς ἐρρωμένως καὶ παραπλησίως αὐτῷ ἀπεκρίνατο, ὁ μὲν Ἱεροφάντης, ἐπειδὴ ἔξειργων αὐτὸν οὐ φίλα τοῖς πολλοῖς ἔδόκει πράττειν, μετέβαλε τοῦ τόνου καὶ, “μυοῦ,” ἔφη, “σοφὸς γάρ τις ἥκειν ἔοικας,” ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος “μυήσομαι,” ἔφη, “αὐθις, μυήσει δέ με ὁ δεῖνα,” προγνώσει χρώμενος ἐς τὸν μετ' ἐκεῦνον Ἱεροφάντην, δις μετὰ τέτταρα ἔτη τοῦ Ἱεροῦ προῦστη.

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celebrate the mystery at a second sacrifice after CHAP.
both proclamation and victims have been offered; and XVIII
this custom was instituted in honour of Asclepius,
because they still initiated him when on one occasion he arrived from Epidaurus too late for
the mysteries. Now most people neglected the initiation and hung around Apollonius, and thought more of doing that than of being perfected in their religion before they went home; but Apollonius said that he would join them later on, and urged them to attend at once to the rites of religion, for that he himself would be initiated. But the hierophant was not disposed to admit him to the rites, for he said that he would never initiate a wizard and charlatan, nor open the Eleusinian rite to a man who dabbled in impure rites. Thereupon Apollonius, fully equal to the occasion, said: "You have not yet mentioned the chief of my offence, which is that knowing, as I do, more about the initiatory rite than you do yourself, I have nevertheless come for initiation to you, as if you were wiser than I am." The bystanders applauded these words, and deemed that he had answered with vigour and like himself; and thereupon the hierophant, since he saw that his exclusion of Apollonius was not by any means popular with the crowd, changed his tone and said: "Be thou initiated, for thou seemest to be some wise man that has come here." But Apollonius replied: "I will be initiated at another time, and it is so and so," mentioning a name, "who will initiate me." Herein he showed his gift of prevision, for he glanced at the hierophant who succeeded the one he addressed, and presided over the temple four years later.

Is refused initiation in Epidaurian mystery

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XIX

CAP.
XIX Τὰς δὲ Ἀθήνησι διατριβὰς πλείστας μὲν ὁ Δάμις γενέσθαι φησὶ τῷ ἀνδρί, γράψαι δὲ οὐ πάσας, ἀλλὰ τὰς ἀναγκαίας τε καὶ περὶ μεγάλων σπουδασθείσας. τὴν μὲν δὴ πρώτην διάλεξιν, ἐπειδὴ φιλοθύτας τοὺς Ἀθηναίους εἶδεν, ὑπὲρ ἵερῶν διελέξατο, καὶ ὡς ἂν τις ἐσ τὸ ἔκαστῳ τῶν θεῶν οἰκεῖον καὶ πηνίκα δὲ τῆς ἡμέρας τε καὶ νυκτὸς ἡ θύσιοι ἡ σπένδοι ἡ εὔχοιτο, καὶ βιβλίῳ Ἀπολλωνίου προστυχεῖν ἔστιν, ἐν ᾧ ταῦτα τῇ ἑαυτοῦ φωνῇ ἐκδιδάσκει. διῆλθε δὲ ταῦτα Ἀθήνησι πρῶτον μὲν ὑπὲρ σοφίας αὐτοῦ τε κάκείνων, εἰτ' ἐλέγχων τὸν ἱεροφάντην δι' ἀ βλασφήμως τε καὶ ἀμαθῶς εἰπε· τίς γὰρ ἔτι φήθη τὰ δαιμόνια μὴ καθαρὸν εἶναι τὸν φιλοσοφοῦντα, ὅπως οἱ θεοὶ θεραπευτέοι;

XX

CAP.
XX Διαλεγομένου δὲ αὐτοῦ περὶ τοῦ σπένδειν, παρέτυχε μὲν τῷ λόγῳ μειράκιον τῶν ἀβρῶν οὗτως ἀσελγὲς νομιζόμενον, ὡς γενέσθαι ποτὲ καὶ ἀμαξῶν δῆμα, πατρὶς δὲ αὐτῷ Κέρκυρα ἦν καὶ ἐσ Ἀλκίνουν ἀνέφερε τὸν ξένον τοῦ Ὁδυσσέως τὸν Φαίακα, καὶ διήσει μὲν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος περὶ τοῦ

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XIX

MANY were the discourses which according to CHAP.
Damis the sage delivered at Athens ; though he did XIX
not write down all of them, but only the more
important ones in which he handled great subjects.

He took then for the topic of his first discourse the matter of rites and ceremonies, and this because he saw that the Athenians were much addicted to sacrifices ; and in it he explained how a religious man could best adapt his sacrifice, his libation, or prayers to any particular divinity, and at what hours of day and night he ought to offer them. And it is possible to obtain a book of Apollonius, in which he gives instructions on these points in his own words. But at Athens he discussed these topics with a view to improving his own wisdom and that of others in the first place, and in the second of convicting the hierophant of blasphemy and ignorance in the remarks he had made ; for who could continue to regard as one impure in his religion a man who taught philosophically how the worship of the gods is to be conducted ?

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XX

Now while he was discussing the question of CHAP.
libations, there chanced to be present in his audience XX
a young dandy who bore so evil a reputation for Heals
licentiousness, that his conduct had once been the a demoniac
subject of coarse street-corner songs. His home was youth who
Corcyra, and he traced his pedigree to Alcinous the mocked at
Phaeacian who entertained Odysseus. Apollonius then him

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CAP. σπένδειν, ἐκέλευε δὲ μὴ πίνειν τοῦ ποτηρίου
XX τούτου, φυλάττειν δὲ αὐτὸ τοῖς θεοῖς ἄχραντόν
τε καὶ ἅποτον. ἐπεὶ δὲ καὶ ὡτα ἐκέλευσε τῷ
ποτηρίῳ ποιεῖσθαι καὶ σπένδειν κατὰ τὸ οὖς,
ἀφ' οὗ μέρους ἥκιστα πίνουσιν ἀνθρωποι, τὸ
μειράκιον κατεσκέδασε τοῦ λόγου πλατύν τε
καὶ ἀσελγῆ γέλωτα· ὁ δὲ ἀναβλέψας ἐς αὐτό,
“οὐ σύ,” ἔφη, “ταῦτα ὑβρίζεις, ἀλλ' ὁ δαίμων, δος
ἐλαύνει σε οὐκ εἰδότα.” ἐλελήθει δὲ ἄρα δαιμονῶν
τὸ μειράκιον· ἐγέλα τε γὰρ ἐφ' οἷς οὐδεὶς ἔτερος
καὶ μετέβαλλεν ἐς τὸ κλάειν αἰτίαν οὐκ ἔχον,
διελέγετό τε πρὸς ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἥδε. καὶ οἱ μὲν
πολλοὶ τὴν νεότητα σκιρτῶσαν φοντο ἐκφέρειν
αὐτὸ ἐς ταῦτα, ὁ δ' ὑπεκρίνετο ἄρα τῷ δαίμονι καὶ
ἔδόκει παροινεῖν, ἢ ἐπαρφνει τότε, ὁρῶντός τε ἐς
αὐτὸ τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου, δεδοικότως τε καὶ ὄργιλως
φωνὰς ἥφιει τὸ εἴδωλον, ὁπόσαι καομένων τε καὶ
στρεβλουμένων εἰσίν, ἀφέξεσθαι τε τοῦ μειρακίου
ῶμνυ καὶ μηδενὶ ἀνθρώπων ἐμπεσεῖσθαι. τοῦ δὲ
οἰον δεσπάτου πρὸς ἀνδράποδον ποικίλον πανούρ-
γόν τε καὶ ἀναιδὲς καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα ξὺν ὄργῃ
λέγοντος, καὶ κελεύοντος αὐτῷ ξὺν τεκμηρίῳ
ἀπαλλάττεσθαι, “τὸν δεῖνα,” ἔφη, “καταβαλῶ
ἀνδριάντα,” δείξας τινὰ τῶν περὶ τὴν Βασίλειον
στοάν, πρὸς ἣ ταῦτα ἐπράττετο· ἐπεὶ δὲ ὁ ἀνδριὰς
ὑπεκινήθη πρῶτον, εἴτα ἐπεσε, τὸν μὲν θόρυβον

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was talking about libations, and was urging them not CHAP.
to drink out of a particular cup, but to reserve it for
the gods, without ever touching it or drinking out of
it. But when he also urged them to have handles
on the cup, and to pour the libation over the handle,
because that is the part of the cup at which men are
least likely to drink, the youth burst out into loud
and coarse laughter, and quite drowned his voice.
Then Apollonius looked up at him and said : " It is
not yourself that perpetrates this insult, but the
demon, who drives you on without your knowing it."
And in fact the youth was, without knowing it,
possessed by a devil ; for he would laugh at things
that no one else laughed at, and then he would fall
to weeping for no reason at all, and he would talk
and sing to himself. Now most people thought that
it was the boisterous humour of youth which led him
into such excesses ; but he was really the mouth-
piece of a devil, though it only seemed a drunken
frolic in which on that occasion he was indulging.
Now when Apollonius gazed on him, the ghost in
him began to utter cries of fear and rage, such as
one hears from people who are being branded or
racked ; and the ghost swore that he would leave
the young man alone and never take possession of
any man again. But Apollonius addressed him with
anger, as a master might a shifty, rascally, and shame-
less slave and so on, and he ordered him to quit the
young man and show by a visible sign that he had done
so. " I will throw down yonder statue," said the devil,
and pointed to one of the images which was in the
king's portico, for there it was that the scene took
place. But when the statue began by moving gently,
and then fell down, it would defy anyone to describe

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CAP. τὸν ἐπὶ τούτῳ καὶ ὡς ἐκρότησαν ὑπὸ θαύματος, τί^{XX} ἀν τις γράφοι; τὸ δὲ μειράκιον, ὥσπερ ἀφυπνίσαν, τούς τε ὁφθαλμοὺς ἔτριψε καὶ πρὸς τὰς αὐγὰς τοῦ ἡλίου εἶδεν, αἰδὼ τε ἐπεσπάσατο πάντων ἐς αὐτὸν ἐστραμμένων, ἀσελγές τε οὐκέτι ἐφαίνετο, οὐδὲ ἄτακτον βλέπον, ἀλλ' ἐπανῆλθεν ἐς τὴν ἔαυτοῦ φύσιν μεῖνον οὐδὲν ἦ εἰ φαρμακοποσίᾳ ἐκέχρητο, μεταβαλόν τε τῶν χλανιδίων καὶ ληδίων καὶ τῆς ἄλλης συβάριδος, ἐς ἔρωτα ἡλθεν αὐχμοῦ καὶ τρίβωνος καὶ ἐς τὰ τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου ἥθη ἀπεδύσατο.

XXI

CAP. Ἐπιπλῆξαι δὲ λέγεται περὶ Διονυσίων Ἀθηναίοις, ἢ ποιεῖται σφισιν ἐν ὕρᾳ τοῦ ἀνθεστηριῶνος· ὁ μὲν γὰρ μονῳδίας ἀκροασομένους καὶ μελοποιίας παραβάσεών τε καὶ ῥυθμῶν, ὅπόσοι κωμῳδίας τε καὶ τραγῳδίας εἰσίν, ἐς τὸ θέατρον ξυμφοιτᾶν φετο, ἐπεὶ δὲ ἥκουσεν, ὅτι αὐλοῦ ὑποσημήγαντος λυγισμοὺς ὄρχοῦνται, καὶ μεταξὺ τῆς Ὁρφέως ἐποποιίας τε καὶ θεολογίας τὰ μὲν ὡς Ὄραι, τὰ δὲ ὡς Νύμφαι, τὰ δὲ ὡς Βάκχαι πράττουσιν, ἐς ἐπίπληξιν τούτου κατέστη, καί, “παύσασθε,” εἶπεν, “ἔξορχούμενοι τοὺς Σαλαμινίους καὶ πολλοὺς ἑτέρους κειμένους ἀγαθοὺς ἄνδρας, εἰ μὲν γὰρ Λακωνικὴ ταῦτα ὄρχησις, εὑγε οἱ στρατιῶται, γυμνάζεσθε γὰρ πολέμῳ καὶ

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the hubbub which arose thereat and the way they CHAP.
clapped their hands with wonder. But the young XX
man rubbed his eyes as if he had just woken up, and he looked towards the rays of the sun, and won the consideration of all who now had turned their attention to him ; for he no longer showed himself licentious, nor did he stare madly about, but he had returned to his own self, as thoroughly as if he had been treated with drugs ; and he gave up his dainty dress and summery garments and the rest of his sybaritic way of life, and he fell in love with the austerity of philosophers, and donned their cloak, and stripping off his old self modelled his life in future upon that of Apollonius.

XXI

AND he is said to have rebuked the Athenians for CHAP.
their conduct of the festival of Dionysus, which they XXI
hold at the season of the month Anthesterion. For Rebukes
when he saw them flocking to the theatre he Athenian
imagined that they were going to listen to solos and levity at
compositions in the way of processional and feast of
rhythmic hymns, such as are sung in comedies and Dionysus
tragedies ; but when he heard them dancing lascivious jigs to the rondos of a flute, and in the midst of the solemn and sacred music of Orpheus striking attitudes as the Hours, or as nymphs, or as bacchants, he set himself to rebuke their proceedings, and said : “Stop dancing away the reputations of the victors of Salamis as well as of many other good men departed this life. For if indeed this were a Lacedaemonian form of dance, I would say, ‘Bravo, soldiers ; for you are training yourselves for war, and I will join in your dance’ ;

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. ξυνορχήσομαι, εἰ δὲ ἀπαλὴ καὶ ἐς τὸ θῆλυ σπεύ-
XXI δουσα, τί φῶ περὶ τῶν τροπαίων; οὐ γὰρ κατὰ
Μήδων ταῦτα ἡ Περσῶν, καθ' ὑμῶν δὲ ἐστήξει,
τῶν ἀναθέντων αὐτὰ εἰ λίποισθε. κροκωτοὶ δὲ
ὑμῖν καὶ ἀλουργία καὶ κοκκοβαφία τοιαύτη πόθεν;
οὐδὲ γὰρ αἱ Ἀχαρναί γε ὥδε ἐστέλλοντο, οὐδὲ ὁ
Κολωνὸς ὥδε ἵππευε. καὶ τί λέγω ταῦτα; γυνὴ
ναύαρχος ἐκ Καρίας ἐφ' ὑμᾶς ἔπλευσε μετὰ
Ξέρξου, καὶ ἦν αὐτῇ γυναικεῖον οὐδέν, ἀλλ' ἀνδρὸς
στολὴ καὶ ὅπλα, ὑμεῖς δὲ ἀβρότεροι τῶν Ξέρξου
γυναικῶν ἐφ' ἑαυτοὺς στέλλεσθε οἱ γέροντες οἱ
νέοι τὸ ἐφηβικόν, οἱ πάλαι μὲν ὕμνυσαν ἐς
Ἀγραύλου φοιτῶντες ὑπὲρ τῆς πατρίδος ἀποθα-
νεῖσθαι καὶ ὅπλα θήσεσθαι, νῦν δὲ ἵσως ὀμοῦνται
ὑπὲρ τῆς πατρίδος βακχεύσειν καὶ θύρσον
λήψεσθαι, κόρυν μὲν οὐδεμίαν φέρον, γυναικομίμῳ
δὲ μορφώματι, κατὰ τὸν Εὐριπίδην, αἰσχρῶς
διαπρέπον. ἀκούω δὲ ὑμᾶς καὶ ἀνέμους γίγνεσθαι,
καὶ λήδια ἀνασείειν λέγεσθε ἔπιπλα μετεώρως
αὐτὰ κολποῦντες. ἔδει δὲ ἀλλὰ τούτους γε αἰδεῖ-
σθαι, ξυμμάχους δῆτας καὶ πνεύσαντας ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν
μέγα, μηδὲ τὸν Βορέαν κηδεστήν γε δῆτα καὶ
παρὰ πάντας τοὺς ἀνέμους ἄρσενα ποιεῖσθαι
θῆλυν, οὐδὲ γὰρ τῆς Ὄρειθυίας ἐραστὴς ἂν ποτε ὁ
Βορέας ἐγένετο, εἰ κάκείνην ὁρχουμένην εἴδε.”

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but as it is a soft dance and one of effeminate CHAP.
tendency, what am I to say of your national XXI
trophies? Not as monuments of shame to the
Medians or Persians, but to your own shame they
will have been raised, should you degenerate so much
from those who set them up. And what do you
mean by your saffron robes and your purple and
scarlet raiment? For surely the Acharnians never
dressed themselves up in this way, nor ever the
knights of Colonus rode in such a garb. And why
do I say this? A woman commanded a ship from
Caria and sailed against you with Xerxes, and about
her there was nothing womanly, but she wore the
garb and armour of a man; but you are softer than
the women of Xerxes' day, and you are dressing
yourselves up to your own despite, old and young
and tender youth alike, you who of old flocked to
the temple of Agraulus in order to swear to die in
battle on behalf of the fatherland. And now it
seems that the same people are ready to swear
to become bacchants and don the thyrsus in behalf
of their country; and no one bears a helmet, but
disguised as female harlequins, to use the phrase of
Euripides, they shine in shame alone. Nay more, I
hear that you turn yourselves into winds, and wave
your skirts, and pretend that you are ships bellying
their sails aloft. But surely you might at least have
some respect for the winds that were your allies and
once blew mightily to protect you, instead of turning
Boreas who was your patron, and who of all the winds
is the most masculine, into a woman; for Boreas
would never have become the lover of Oreithya, if
he had seen her executing, like you, a skirt dance."

Eurip.
Bacchae
980.

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XXII

CAP.
XXII Διωρθοῦτο δὲ κάκεῖνο Ἀθήνησιν· οἱ Ἀθηναῖοι
ξυνιόντες ἐς θέατρον τὸ ὑπὸ τῆς ἀκροπόλεως
προσεῖχον σφαγαῖς ἀνθρώπων, καὶ ἐσπουδάζετο
ταῦτα ἐκεῖ μᾶλλον ἢ ἐν Κορίνθῳ τοῦτον, χρημάτων
τε μεγάλων ἐωνημένοι ἥγοντο μοιχοὶ καὶ πόροι
καὶ τοιχωρύχοι καὶ βαλαντιοτόμοι καὶ ἀνδρα-
ποδισταὶ καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα ἔθνη, οἱ δὲ ὡπλιζοῦν
αὐτοὺς καὶ ἐκέλευν ξυμπίπτειν. ἐλάβετο δὲ καὶ
τούτων ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, καὶ καλούντων αὐτὸν ἐς
ἐκκλησίαν Ἀθηναίων οὐκ ἀν ἔφη παρελθεῖν ἐς
χωρίον ἀκάθαρτον καὶ λύθρου μεστόν. ἔλεγε δὲ
ταῦτα ἐν ἐπιστολῇ. καὶ θαυμάζειν ἔλεγεν “ὅπως
ἡ θεὸς οὐ καὶ τὴν ἀκρόπολιν ἥδη ἐκλείπει τοιοῦτον
αἷμα ὑμῶν ἐκχεόντων αὐτῇ. δοκεῖτε γάρ μοι προ-
ιόντες, ἐπειδὰν τὰ Παναθήναια πέμπητε, μηδὲ
βοῦς ἔτι, ἀλλ’ ἐκατόμβας ἀνθρώπων καταβύσειν
τῇ θεῷ. σὺ δέ, Διόνυσε, μετὰ τοιοῦτου αἷμα ἐς τὸ
θέατρον φοιτᾶς; κάκεῖ σοι σπένδουσιν οἱ σοφοὶ
Ἀθηναῖοι; μετάστηθι καὶ σύ, Διόνυσε· Κιθαιρῶν
καθαρώτερος.” τοιάδε εὑρον τὰ σπουδαιότατα
τῶν φιλοσοφηθέντων Ἀθήνησιν αὐτῷ τότε.

XXIII

CAP.
XXIII Ἐπρέσβευσε δὲ καὶ παρὰ τοὺς Θετταλοὺς ὑπὲρ
τοῦ Ἀχιλλέως κατὰ τοὺς ἐν Πυλαίᾳ ξυλλόγους,
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XXII

He also corrected the following abuse at Athens. CHAP.
The Athenians ran in crowds to the theatre beneath Acropolis to witness human slaughter, and the passion for such sports was stronger there than it is in Corinth to-day ; for they would buy for large sums adulterers and fornicators and burglars and cut-purses and kidnappers and such-like rabble, and then they took them and armed them and set them to fight with one another. Apollonius then attacked these practices, and when the Athenians invited him to attend their assembly, he refused to enter a place so impure and reeking with gore. And this he said in an epistle to them ; he said that he was surprised " that the goddess had not already quitted the Acropolis, when you shed such blood under her eyes. For I suspect that presently, when you are conducting the pan-Athenaic procession, you will no longer be content with bulls, but will be sacrificing hecatombs of men to the goddess. And thou, O Dionysus, dost thou after such bloodshed frequent their theatre ? And do the wise among the Athenians pour libations to thee there ? Nay do thou depart, O Dionysus. Holier and purer is thy Cithaeron."

His criticism of gladiatorial shows in Athens

Such were the more serious of the subjects which I have found he treated of at that time in Athens in his philosophic discourses.

XXIII

AND he also went as envoy to the Thessalians in behalf of Achilles at the time of the conferences CHAP.
XXIII

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. έν οῖς οἱ Θετταλοὶ τὰ Ἀμφικτυονικὰ πράττουσιν,
XXIII οἱ δὲ δείσαντες ἐψηφίσαντο ἀναλαβέων τὰ προσή-
κοντα τῷ τάφῳ. καὶ τὸ Λεωνίδου σῆμα τοῦ
Σπαρτιάτου μονονού περιέβαλεν ἀγασθεὶς τὸν
ἄνδρα. ἐπὶ δὲ τὸν κολωνὸν βαδίζων, ἐφ' οὐ
λέγονται Λακεδαιμόνιοι περιχωσθῆναι τοῖς τοξεύ-
μασιν, ἥκουσε τῶν ὄμιλητῶν διαφερομένων
ἀλλήλοις, ὃ τι εἴη τὸ ὑψηλότατον τῆς Ἑλλάδος,
παρεῖχε δὲ ἄρα τὸν λόγον ἡ Οἰτη τὸ ὅρος ἐν
ὁφθαλμοῖς οὖσα, καὶ ἀνελθὼν ἐπὶ τὸν λόφον,
“ἐγώ,” ἔφη, “τὸ ὑψηλότατον τοῦτο ἥγοῦμαι, οἱ
γὰρ ἐνταῦθα ὑπὲρ ἐλευθερίας ἀποθανόντες ἀντανή-
γαγον αὐτὸ τῇ Οἰτη καὶ ὑπὲρ πολλοὺς Ὁλύμπους
ἥραν. ἐγὼ δὲ ἄγαμαι μὲν καὶ τούσδε τοὺς ἄνδρας,
τὸν δὲ Ἀκαρνάνια Μεγιστίαν καὶ πρὸ τούτων, ἀ
γὰρ πεισομένους ἐγίγνωσκε, τούτων ἐπεθύμησε
κοινωνῆσαι τοῖς ἀνδράσιν, οὐ τὸ ἀποθανεῖν δείσας,
ἀλλὰ τὸ μετὰ τοιῶνδε μὴ τεθνάναι.”

CAP.
XXIV

XXIV

Ἐπεφοίτησε δὲ καὶ τοῖς Ἑλληνικοῖς ἱεροῖς
πᾶσι τῷ τε Δωδωναίῳ καὶ τῷ Πυθικῷ καὶ τῷ ἐν
Ἀβαῖς, ἐς Ἀμφιάρεώ τε καὶ Τροφωνίου ἐβάδισε
καὶ ἐς τὸ Μουσεῖον τὸ ἐν Ἑλικῶνι ἀνέβη.
φοιτῶντι δὲ ἐς τὰ ἱερὰ καὶ διορθουμένῳ αὐτὰ
ξυνεφοίτων μὲν οἱ ἱερεῖς, ἥκολούθουν δέ οἱ γυνώρι-

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held in Pylaea, at which the Thessalians transact the Amphictyonic business. And they were so frightened that they passed a resolution for the resumption of the ceremonies at the tomb. As for the monument of Leonidas the Spartan, he almost surrounded it with a shrine, out of admiration for the hero; and as he was coming to the mound where the Lacedaemonians are said to have been overwhelmed by the bolts which the enemy rained upon them, he heard his companions discussing with one another which was the loftiest hill in Hellas, this topic being suggested it seems by the sight of the mountain of Oeta which rose before their eyes; so ascending the mound, he said: "I consider this the loftiest spot of all, for those who fell here in defence of freedom raised it to a level with Oeta and carried it to a height surpassing many mountains like Olympus. It is these men that I admire, and beyond any of them Megistias the Acarnanian; for he knew the death that they were about to die, and deliberately made up his mind to share in it with these heroes, fearing not so much death, as the prospect that he should miss death in such company."

CHAP.
XXIII
He visits
Thessaly.
Eulogy of
Leonidas

XXIV

AND he also visited all the Greek shrines, namely that of Dodona, and the Pythian temple, and the one at Abae, and he betook himself to those of Amphiareus and of Trophonius, and he went up to the shrine of the Muses on Mount Helicon. And when he visited these temples and corrected the rites, the priests went in his company, and the

CHAP.
XXIV
Visits Greek
shrines

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CAP. μοι, λόγων τε κρατήρες ἵσταντο καὶ ἡρύοντο
XXIV αὐτῶν οἱ διψῶντες. ὅντων δὲ καὶ Ὁλυμπίων καὶ
καλούντων αὐτὸν Ἡλείων ἐπὶ κοινωνίᾳν τοῦ ἀγῶ-
νος, “δοκεῖτέ μοι,” ἔφη, “διαβάλλειν τὴν τῶν
Ὁλυμπίων δόξαν πρεσβειῶν δεόμενοι πρὸς τοὺς
αὐτόθεν ἥξοντας.” γενόμεμος δὲ κατὰ τὸν Ἰσθμὸν
μυκησαμένης τῆς περὶ τὸ Λέχαιον θαλάττης,
“οὗτος,” εἶπεν, “ὁ αὐχῆν τῆς γῆς τετμήσεται, μᾶλ-
λον δὲ οὗ.” εἶχε δὲ αὐτῷ καὶ τοῦτο πρόρρησιν τῆς
μικρὸν ὕστερον περὶ τὸν Ἰσθμὸν τομῆς, ἦν μετὰ
ἔτη ἐπτὰ Νέρων διενοήθη· τὰ γὰρ βασίλεια ἐκλι-
πὼν ἐς τὴν Ἑλλάδα ἀφίκετο κηρύγμασιν ὑποθή-
σων ἑαυτὸν Ὁλυμπικοῖς τε καὶ Πυθικοῖς, ἐνίκα δὲ
καὶ Ἰσθμοῖ· αἱ δὲ νῦν ησαν κιθαρῳδίαι καὶ
κήρυκες, ἐνίκα δὲ καὶ τραγῳδοὺς ἐν Ὁλυμπίᾳ.
τότε λέγεται καὶ τῆς περὶ τὸν Ἰσθμὸν καινοτομίας
ἄψασθαι, περίπλουν αὐτὸν ἐργαζόμενος καὶ τὸν
Αἴγανον τῷ Ἀδρίᾳ ἔνιμβάλλων, ὡς μὴ πᾶσα ναῦς
ὑπὲρ Μαλέαν πλέοι, κομίζοιντό τε αἱ πολλαὶ διὰ
τοῦ ῥήγματος ἔνυπτέμονσαι τὰς περιβολὰς τοῦ
πλοῦ. πῆ δὲ ἀπέβη τὸ τοῦ Ἀπόλλωνίου λόγιον;
ἡ ὁρυχὴ τὴν ἀρχὴν ἀπὸ Λεχαίου λαβοῦσα στάδια
προῦβη ἵσως τέτταρα ἔνυπχῶς ὁρυττόντων, σχεῖν
δὲ λέγεται Νέρων τὴν τομὴν οἱ μὲν Αἰγυπτίων

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votaries followed in his steps, and goblets were set up flowing with rational discourse and the thirsty quaffed their wine. And as the Olympic Games were coming on, and the people of Elis invited him to take part in the contest, he answered : " You seem to me to tarnish the glory of the Olympic Games, if you need to send special invitations to those who intend to visit you from this very land." And he was at the Isthmus, when the sea was roaring around Lechaeum, and hearing it he said : " This neck of land shall be cut through, or rather it shall not be cut." And herein he uttered a prediction of the cutting of the Isthmus which was attempted soon afterwards, when Nero in the seventh year of his reign projected it. For the latter left his imperial palace and came to Hellas, with the intention of submitting himself to the heralds' commands, in the Olympic and Pythian festivals ; and he also won the prize at the Isthmus, his victories being won in the contest of singing to the harp and in that of the heralds. And he also won the prize for tragedians at Olympia. It is said that he then formed the novel project of cutting through the Isthmus, in order to make it possible for ships to sail right round and by it, and to unite the Aegean with the Adriatic Sea. So instead of every ship having to round Cape Malea, most by passing through the canal so cut could abridge an otherwise circuitous voyage. But mark the upshot of the oracle delivered by Apollonius. They began to dig the canal at Lechaeum, but they had not advanced more than about four stadia of continuous excavation, when Nero stopped the work of cutting it, some say because Egyptian men of science

Is invited to
the Olympic
games

Predicts
Nero's
Isthmian
canal

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP.
XXIV φιλοσοφησάντων αὐτῷ τὰς θαλάττας καὶ τὸ ὑπὲρ
Λεχαίου πέλαγος ὑπερχυθὲν ἀφανιεῖν εἰπόντων
τὴν Αἴγιναν, οἱ δὲ νεώτερα περὶ τῇ ἀρχῇ δείσαντα.
τοιοῦτον μὲν δὴ τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου τὸ τὸν Ἰσθμὸν
τετμήσεσθαι καὶ οὐ τετμήσεσθαι.

XXV

CAP.
XXV Ἐν Κορίνθῳ δὲ φιλοσοφῶν ἐτύγχανε τότε Δημή-
τριος, ἀνὴρ ξυνειληφὼς ἄπαν τὸ ἐν Κυνικῇ κράτος,
οὐ Φαβωρῆνος ὕστερον ἐν πολλοῖς τῶν ἑαυτοῦ λό-
γων οὐκ ἀγεννῶς ἐπεμνήσθη, παθὼν δὲ πρὸς τὸν
Ἀπολλώνιον, ὅπερ φασὶ τὸν Ἀντισθένην πρὸς τὴν
τοῦ Σωκράτους σοφίαν παθεῖν, εἶπετο αὐτῷ μαθη-
τιῶν καὶ προσκείμενος τοῖς λόγοις, καὶ τῶν αὐτῷ
γνωρίμων τοὺς εὐδοκιμωτέρους ἐπὶ τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον
ἔτρεπεν, ὃν καὶ Μένιππος ἡν ὁ Λύκιος, ἔτη μὲν γε-
γονὼς πέντε καὶ εἴκοσι, γνώμης δὲ ἵκανῶς ἔχων καὶ
τὸ σῶμα εὐ κατεσκευασμένος, ἐφκει γοῦν ἀθλητῇ
καλῷ καὶ ἐλευθερίῳ τὸ εἶδος. ἐρᾶσθαι δὲ τὸν Μέ-
νιππον οἱ πολλοὶ φῶντο ὑπὸ γυναιίου ξένου, τὸ δὲ
γύναιον καλή τε ἐφαίνετο καὶ ἵκανῶς ἀβρά, καὶ
πλουτεῖν ἔφασκεν, οὐδεν δὲ τούτων ἄρα ἀτεχνῶς
ἡν, ἀλλὰ ἐδόκει πάντα. κατὰ γὰρ τὴν ὁδὸν τὴν ἐπὶ
Κεγχοεὰς βαδίζοντι αὐτῷ μόνῳ, φάσμα ἐντυχὸν
γυνή τε ἐγένετο, καὶ χεῖρα ξυνῆψεν ἐρᾶν αὐτοῦ
πάλαι φάσκουσα, Φοίνισσα δὲ εἶναι καὶ οἰκεῖν ἐν

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explained to him the nature of the seas, and declared CHAP.
that the sea above Lechaeum would flood and
obliterate the island of Aegina, and others because
he apprehended a revolution in the empire. Such
then was the meaning of Apollonius' prediction that
the Isthmus would be cut through and would not be
cut through.

XXIV

XXV

Now there was in Corinth at that time a man CHAP.
named Demetrius, who studied philosophy and had
embraced in his system all the masculine vigour of the
Cynics. Of him Favorinus in several of his own works
subsequently made the most generous mention, and
his attitude towards Apollonius was exactly that
which they say Antisthenes took up towards the
system of Socrates; for he followed him and was
anxious to be his disciple, and was devoted to his
doctrines, and converted to the side of Apollonius the
more esteemed of his own pupils. Among the latter
was Menippus a Lycian of twenty-five years of age,
well endowed with good judgment, and of a
physique so beautifully proportioned that in mien he
resembled a fine and gentlemanly athlete. Now
this Menippus was supposed by most people to be
loved by a foreign woman, who was good-looking and
extremely dainty, and said that she was rich;
although she was really, as it turned out, none
of these things, but was only so in semblance. For
as he was walking all alone along the road towards
Cenchreæ, he met with an apparition, and it was a
woman who clasped his hand and declared that she
had been long in love with him, and that she was a

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CAP. προαστείω τῆς Κορίνθου, τὸ δεῦνα εἰπούσα
XXV προάστειον, “έστι δὲ ἐσπέρας,” ἔφη, “ἀφικομένῳ
σοι φόδη τε ὑπάρξει ἐμοῦ ἀδούσης καὶ οἰνος, οἰον
οὕπω ἔπιες, καὶ οὐδὲ ἀντεραστὴς ἐνοχλήσει σε,
βιώσομαι δὲ καλὴ ξὺν καλῷ.” τούτοις ὑπαχθεὶς ὁ
νεανίας, τὴν μὲν γὰρ ἄλλην φιλοσοφίαν ἔρρωτο,
τῶν δὲ ἐρωτικῶν ἥττητο, ἐφοίτησε περὶ ἐσπέραν
αὐτῇ καὶ τὸν λοιπὸν χρόνον ἐθάμιζεν, ὥσπερ
παιδικοῖς, οὕπω ξυνεὶς τοῦ φάσματος.

Ο δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος ἀνδριαντοποιοῦ δίκην ἐς τὸν
Μένιππον βλέπων ἔζωγράφει τὸν νεανίαν καὶ
ἐθεώρει, καταγνοὺς δὲ αὐτόν, “σὺ μέντοι,” εἶπεν, “ό
καλός τε καὶ ὑπὸ τῶν καλῶν γυναικῶν θηρευόμενος
ὅφιν θάλπεις καὶ σὲ ὅφις.” Θαυμάσαντος δὲ τοῦ
Μενίππου, “ὅτι γυνή σοι,” ἔφη, “ἐστὶν οὐ γαμετή.
τί δέ; ἡγῆ ὑπ’ αὐτῆς ἐρᾶσθαι;” “νὴ Δὲ,” εἶπεν,
“ἐπειδὴ διάκειται πρός με ὡς ἐρῶσα.” “καὶ
γήμαις δ’ ἀν αὐτήν,” ἔφη. “χαρίεν γὰρ ἀν εἴη
τὸ ἀγαπῶσαν γῆμαι.” ἥρετο οὖν, “πηνίκα οἱ
γάμοι;” “θερμοί,” ἔφη, “καὶ ἵσως αὔριον.” ἐπι-
φυλάξας οὖν τὸν τοῦ συμποσίου καιρὸν δὲ Ἀπολ-
λώνιος καὶ ἐπιστὰς τοῖς δαιτυμόσιν ἅρτι ἥκουσι,
“ποῦ,” ἔφη, “ἡ ἀβρά, δι’ ἣν ἥκετε;” “ἐνταῦθα,”
εἶπεν ὁ Μένιππος καὶ ἀμα ὑπανίστατο ἐρυθριῶν.

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Phoenician woman and lived in a suburb of Corinth,^{CHAP.} and she mentioned the name of the particular ^{XXV} suburb, and said : "When you reach the place this evening, you will hear my voice as I sing to you, and you shall have wine such as you never before drank, and there will be no rival to disturb you ; and we two beautiful beings will live together." The youth consented to this, for although he was in general a strenuous philosopher, he was nevertheless susceptible to the tender passion ; and he visited her in the evening, and for the future constantly sought her company by way of relaxation, for he did not yet realise that she was a mere apparition.

Then Apollonius looked over Menippus as a sculptor might do, and he sketched an outline of the youth and examined him, and having observed his foibles, he said : " You are a fine youth and are hunted by fine women, but in this case you are cherishing a serpent, and a serpent cherishes you." And when Menippus expressed his surprise, he added : " For this lady is of a kind you cannot marry. Why should you ? Do you think that she loves you ? " " Indeed I do," said the youth, " since she behaves to me as if she loves me." " And would you then marry her ? " said Apollonius. " Why, yes, for it would be delightful to marry a woman who loves you." Thereupon Apollonius asked when the wedding was to be. " Perhaps to-morrow," said the other, " for it brooks no delay." Apollonius therefore waited for the occasion of the wedding breakfast, and then, presenting himself before the guests who had just arrived, he said : " Where is the dainty lady at whose instance ye are come ? " " Here she is," replied Menippus, and at the same moment he

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CAP. **XXV** “ό δὲ ἄργυρος καὶ ὁ χρυσὸς καὶ τὰ λοιπά, οἷς ὁ
ἀνδρῶν κεκόσμηται, ποτέρους ὑμῶν;” “τῆς γυναι-
κός,” ἔφη, “τὰμὰ γὰρ τοσαῦτα,” δείξας τὸν
έαυτοῦ τρίβωνα.

‘Ο δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος, “τοὺς Ταντάλου κήπους,”
ἔφη, “εἰδετε, ώς ὅντες οὐκ εἰσί;” “παρ’ Ομήρῳ
γε,” ἔφασαν, “οὐ γὰρ ἐσ Αἴδου γε καταβάντες.”
“τοῦτ,” ἔφη, “καὶ τουτονὶ τὸν κόσμον ἡγεῖσθε,
οὐ γὰρ ὥλη ἐστίν, ἀλλὰ ὥλης δόξα. ώς δὲ γι-
γνώσκοιτε, ὃ λέγω, ἡ χρηστὴ νύμφη μία τῶν
ἐμπουσῶν ἐστιν, ἀς λαμίας τε καὶ μορμολυκίας
οἱ πολλοὶ ἡγοῦνται. ἐρῶσι δ’ αὗται, καὶ ἀφροδι-
σίων μέν, σαρκῶν δὲ μάλιστα ἀνθρωπείων ἐρῶσι
καὶ παλεύουσι τοῖς ἀφροδισίοις, οὓς ἀν ἐθέλωσι
δαίσασθαι.” ἡ δέ, “εὐφήμει,” ἔλεγε, “καὶ ἄπαγε,”
καὶ μυσάττεσθαι ἐδόκει, ἀ ἥκουε, καὶ που καὶ
ἀπέσκωπτε τοὺς φιλοσόφους, ώς ἀεὶ ληροῦντας.
ἐπεὶ μέντοι τὰ ἐκπώματα τὰ χρυσᾶ καὶ ὁ δοκῶν ἄρ-
γυρος ἀνεμιαῖα ἥλεγχθη, καὶ διέπτη τῶν ὄφθαλμῶν
ἄπαντα, οἰνοχόοι τε καὶ ὀψοποιοὶ καὶ ἡ τοιαύτη
θεραπεία πᾶσα ἥφανίσθησαν ἐλεγχόμενοι ὑπὸ
τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου, δακρύοντι ἐφέκει τὸ φάσμα, καὶ
ἐδεῖτο μὴ βασανίζειν αὐτό, μηδὲ ἀναγκάζειν ὄμολο-
γεῖν, ὅ τι εἴη, ἐπικειμένου δὲ καὶ μὴ ἀνιέντος
ἐμπουσά τε εἶναι ἔφη καὶ πιαίνειν ἥδοναῖς τὸν

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rose slightly from his seat, blushing. "And to CHAP.
which of you belong the silver and gold and all the ^{XXV}
rest of the decorations of the banqueting hall?"
"To the lady," replied the youth, "for this is all I
have of my own," pointing to the philosopher's cloak
which he wore.

And Apollonius said: "Have you heard of the gardens of Tantalus, how they exist and yet do not exist?" "Yes," they answered, "in the poems of Homer, for we certainly never went down to Hades." "As such," replied Apollonius, "you must regard this world of ours, for it is not reality but the semblance of reality. And that you may realise the truth of what I say, this fine bride is one of the vampires, that is to say of those beings whom the many regard as lamias and hobgoblins. These beings fall in love, and they are devoted to the delights of Aphrodite, but especially to the flesh of human beings, and they decoy with such delights those whom they mean to devour in their feasts." And the lady said: "Cease your ill-omened talk and begone"; and she pretended to be disgusted at what she heard, and in fact she was inclined to rail at philosophers and say that they always talked nonsense. When, however, the goblets of gold and the show of silver were proved as light as air and all fluttered away out of their sight, while the wine-bearers and the cooks and all the retinue of servants vanished before the rebukes of Apollonius, the phantom pretended to weep, and prayed him not to torture her nor to compel her to confess what she really was. But Apollonius insisted and would not let her off, and then she admitted that she was a vampire, and was fattening up Menippus with

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CAP.
XXV Μένιππον ἐς βρῶσιν τοῦ σώματος, τὰ γὰρ καλὰ τῶν σωμάτων καὶ νέα σιτεῖσθαι ἐνόμιζεν, ἐπειδὴ ἀκραιφνὲς αὐτοῖς τὸ αἷμα. τοῦτον τὸν λόγον γνωριμώτατον τῶν Ἀπολλωνίου τυγχάνοντα ἔξ ἀνάγκης ἐμήκυνα, γιγνώσκουσι μὲν γὰρ πλείους αὐτόν, ἄτε καθ' Ἑλλάδα μέσην πραχθέντα, ξυλλήβδην δὲ αὐτὸν παρειλήφασιν, ὅτι ἔλοι ποτὲ ἐν Κορίνθῳ λάμιαν, ὅ τι μέντοι πράττουσαν καὶ ὅτι ὑπὲρ Μενίππου, οὕπω γιγνώσκουσιν, ἀλλὰ Δάμιδί τε καὶ ἐκ τῶν ἐκείνου λόγων ἐμοὶ εἴρηται.

XXVI

CAP.
XXVI Τότε καὶ πρὸς Βάσσον διηνέχθη τὸν ἐκ τῆς Κορίνθου, πατραλοίας γὰρ οὗτος καὶ ἐδόκει καὶ ἐπίστευτο, σοφίαν δὲ ἑαυτοῦ κατεψεύδετο καὶ χαλινὸς οὐκ ἦν ἐπὶ τῇ γλώττῃ. λοιδορούμενον δὲ αὐτὸν ἐπέσχεν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, οὓς τε ἐπέστειλεν οἱς τε διελέχθη κατ' αὐτοῦ. πᾶν γάρ, ὅπερ ὡς ἐς πατραλοίαν ἔλεγεν, ἀληθὲς ἐδόκει, μὴ γὰρ ἂν ποτε τοιόνδε ἄνδρα ἐς λοιδορίαν ἐκπεσεῖν, μηδ' ἀν εἰπεῖν τὸ μὴ ὅν.

XXVII

CAP.
XXVII Τὰ δὲ ἐν Ὁλυμπίᾳ τοῦ ἀνδρὸς τοιαῦτα ἀνιόντι τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ ἐς Ὁλυμπίαν ἐνέτυχον Λακεδαιμο-
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pleasures before devouring his body, for it was her CHAP.
habit to feed upon young and beautiful bodies,
because their blood is pure and strong. I have
related at length, because it was necessary to do
so, this the best-known story of Apollonius; for
many people are aware of it and know that the
incident occurred in the centre of Hellas; but they
have only heard in a general and vague manner that
he once caught and overcame a lamia in Corinth;
but they have never learned what she was about, nor
that he did it to save Menippus, but I owe my own
account to Damis and to the work which he wrote.

XXVI

IT was at this time also that he had a difference CHAP.
with Bassus of Corinth; for the latter was regarded XXVI
as a parricide and believed to be such. But he
feigned a wisdom of his own, and no bridle could
be set upon his tongue. However, Apollonius put
a stop to his reviling himself, both by the letters
which he sent him, and the harangues which he
delivered against him. For everything which he
said about his being a parricide was held to be
true; for it was felt that such a man would never
have condescended to mere personal abuse, nor to
have said what was not true.

His quarrel
with the
parricide
Bassus

XXVII

THE career of our sage in Olympia was as follows: CHAP.
when Apollonius was on his way up to Olympia, XXVII

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CAP. **νίων πρέσβεις ὑπὲρ ξυνουσίας, Λακωνικὸν δὲ οὐδὲν
XXVII περὶ αὐτοὺς ἐφαίνετο, ἀλλ’ ἀβρότερον αὐτῶν εἶχον
καὶ συβάριδος μεστοὶ ἦσαν. ίδῶν δὲ ἄνδρας λείους
τὰ σκέλη, λιπαροὺς τὰς κόμας καὶ μηδὲ γενείοις
χρωμένους, ἀλλὰ καὶ τὴν ἐσθῆτα μαλακούς,
τοιαῦτα πρὸς τοὺς ἐφόρους ἐπέστειλεν, ώς ἐκείνους
κήρυγμα ποιήσασθαι δημοσίᾳ, τήν τε πίτταν τῶν
βαλανείων ἔξαιροῦντας, καὶ τὰς παρατιλτρίας
ἔξελαύνοντας, ἐς τὸ ἀρχαῖόν τε καθισταμένους
πάντα, ὅθεν παλαιστραί τε ἀνήβησαν καὶ σπουδαί,
καὶ τὰ φιλίτια ἐπανῆλθε, καὶ ἐγένετο ἡ Λακεδαί-
μων ἑαυτῇ ὁμοία. μαθὼν δὲ αὐτοὺς τὰ οἰκοι
διορθουμένους, ἐπεμψεν ἐπιστολὴν ἀπ’ Ὀλυμπίας
βραχυτέραν τῆς Λακωνικῆς σκυτάλης. ἔστι δὲ
ἥδε·**

“Ἀπολλώνιος ἐφόροις χαίρειν.

‘Ανδρῶν μὲν τὸ μὴ ἀμαρτάνειν, γενναίων δὲ τὸ καὶ
ἀμαρτάνοντας αἰσθέσθαι.’”

XXVIII

CAP. **Ιδῶν δὲ ἐς τὸ ἔδος τὸ ἐν Ὀλυμπίᾳ, “χαῖρε,”**
**XXVIII εἶπεν, “ἀγαθὲ Ζεῦ, σὺ γὰρ οὕτω τι ἀγαθός, ώς καὶ
σαυτοῦ κοινωνῆσαι τοῖς ἀνθρώποις.” ἐξηγήσατο**

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some envoys of the Lacedaemonians met him and CHAP.
asked him to visit their city; there seemed, how- XXVII
ever, to be no appearance of Sparta about them, for they conducted themselves in a very effeminate manner and reeked of luxury. And seeing them to have smooth legs, and sleek hair, and that they did not even wear beards, nay were even dressed in soft raiment, he sent such a letter to the Ephors that the latter issued a public proclamation and forbade the use of pitch plasters in the baths,¹ and drove out of the city the women who professed to rejuvenate dandies,² and they restored the ancient régime in every respect. The consequence was that the wrestling grounds were filled once more with the youth, and the jousts and the common meals were restored, and Lacedaemon became once more like herself. And when he learned that they had set their house in order, he sent them an epistle from Olympia, briefer than any cipher despatch of ancient Sparta; and it ran as follows:—

“ Apollonius to the Ephors sends salutation.

“ It is the duty of men not to fall into sin, but of noble men, to recognise that they are doing so.”

XXVIII

AND looking at the statue set up at Olympia, he said: “ Hail, O thou good Zeus, for thou art so good that thou dost impart thine own nature unto mankind.” CHAP.
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He explains
the statuo
of Milo

¹ Adhesive plasters were used to remove superfluous hair from the body.

² Literally “ hair-pluckers.”

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CAP. XXVIII δὲ καὶ τὸν χαλκοῦν Μίλωνα καὶ τὸν λόγον τοῦ περὶ αὐτὸν σχῆματος. ὁ γὰρ Μίλων ἐστάναι μὲν ἐπὶ δίσκου δοκεῖ τῷ πόδε ἅμφω συμβεβηκώς, ρόαν δὲ ξυνέχει τῇ ἀριστερᾷ, ἡ δεξιὰ δέ, ὥρθοι τῆς χειρὸς ἐκείνης οἱ δάκτυλοι καὶ οἰον διείρουντες. οἱ μὲν δὴ κατ' Ὀλυμπίαν τε καὶ Ἀρκαδίαν λόγοι τὸν ἀθλητὴν ἴστοροῦσι τοῦτον ἄτρεπτον γενέσθαι καὶ μὴ ἐκβιβασθῆναι ποτε τοῦ χώρου, ἐν φέντη, δηλοῦσθαι δὲ τὸ μὲν ἀπρὶξ τῶν δακτύλων ἐν τῇ ξυνοχῇ τῆς ρόας, τὸ δὲ μηδ' ἀν σχισθῆναι ποτ' ἀπ' ἀλλήλων αὐτούς, εἴ τις πρὸς ἔνα αὐτῶν ἀμιλλῆτο, τῷ τὰς διαφυάς ἐν ὥρθοῖς τοῖς δακτύλοις εὑνηρμόσθαι, τὴν ταινίαν δέ, ἦν ἀναδεῖται, σωφροσύνης ἡγοῦνται ξύμβολον. ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος σοφῶς μὲν εἶπεν ἐπινευοῦσθαι ταῦτα, σοφώτερα δὲ εἶναι τὰ ἀληθέστερα. “ώς δὲ γιγνώσκοιτε τὸν νοῦν τοῦ Μίλωνος, Κροτωνιάται τὸν ἀθλητὴν τοῦτον ἵερέα ἐστήσαντο τῆς Ἡρας. τὴν μὲν δὴ μέτραν ὅ τι χρὴ νοεῖν, τί ἀν ἐξηγούμην ἔτι, μνημονεύσας ἵερέως ἀνδρός; ἡ ρόα δὲ μόνη φυτῶν τῇ Ἡρᾳ φύεται, ὁ δὲ ὑπὸ τοῦ ποσὶ δίσκος, ἐπὶ ἀσπιδίου βεβηκώς ὁ ἵερεὺς τῇ Ἡρᾳ εὔχεται, τουτὶ δὲ καὶ ἡ δεξιὰ σημαίνει, τὸ δὲ ἔργον τῶν δακτύλων καὶ τὸ μήπω διεστώς τῇ ἀρχαίᾳ ἀγαλματοποιίᾳ προσκείσθω.”

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And he also gave them an account of the brazen statue of Milo and explained the attitude of this figure. For this Milo is seen standing on a disk with his two feet close together, and in his left hand he grasps a pomegranate, while of his right hand the fingers are extended and as it were stringing together. Now among the people of Olympia and Arcadia the story told about this athlete is, that he was so inflexible and firm that he could never be induced to leave the spot on which he stood; and this is the meaning of the clenched fingers as he grasps the pomegranate, and of the look as if they could never be separated from one another, however much you struggled with any one of them, because the intervals between the extended fingers are very close; and they say that the fillet with which his head is bound is a symbol of temperance and sobriety. Apollonius while admitting that this account was wisely conceived, said that the truth was still wiser. "In order that you may know," said he, "the meaning of the statue of Milo, the people of Croton made this athlete a priest of Hera. As to the meaning then of his mitre, I need not explain it further than by reminding you that the hero was a priest. But the pomegranate is the only fruit which is grown in honour of Hera; and the disk beneath his feet means that the priest is standing on a small shield to offer his prayer to Hera; and this is also indicated by his right hand. As for the artist's way of rendering the fingers between which he has left no interval, that you may ascribe to the antique style of the sculpture."

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XXIX

CAP.
XXXIX Παρατυγχάνων δὲ τοῖς δρωμένοις ἀπεδέχετο τῶν Ἡλείων, ώς ἐπεμελοῦντό τε αὐτῶν καὶ ξὺν κόσμῳ ἔδρων, μεῖόν τε οὐδὲν ἦ οἱ ἀγωνιούμενοι τῶν ἀθλητῶν κρίνεσθαι φῶντο, καὶ μήτ' ἐκόντες τι μήτ' ἄκοντες ἀμαρτάνειν προύνοοῦντο. ἐρομένων δὲ αὐτὸν τῶν ἑταίρων, τίνας Ἡλείους περὶ τὴν διάθεσιν τῶν Ὀλυμπίων ἤγοῦτο, “εἰ μὲν σοφούς,” ἔφη, “οὐκ οἶδα, σοφιστὰς μέντοι.”

XXX

CAP.
XXX ‘Ως δὲ καὶ διεβέβλητο πρὸς τοὺς οἰομένους ξυγγράφειν, καὶ ἀμαθεῖς ἤγεῖτο τοὺς ἀπτομένους λόγου μείζονος, ὑπάρχει μαθεῖν ἐκ τῶνδε· μειράκιον γὰρ δοκησίσοφον ἐντυχὸν αὐτῷ περὶ τὸ ἱερόν, “συμπροθυμήθητί μοι,” ἔφη, “αὔριον, ἀναγνώσομαι γάρ τι.” τοῦ δὲ Ἀπολλωνίου ἐρομένου, ὅτι ἀναγνώσοιτο, “λόγος,” εἶπε, “ξυντέτακταί μοι ἐς τὸν Δία.” καὶ ἂμα ὑπὸ τῷ ἴματίῳ ἐπεδείκνυ αὐτὸν σεμνυνόμενος τῇ παχύτητι τοῦ βιβλίου. “τί οὖν,” ἔφη, “ἐπαινέσῃ τοῦ Διός; ἢ τὸν Δία τὸν ἐνταῦθα καὶ τὸ μηδὲν εἶναι τῶν ἐν τῇ γῇ ὅμοιον;” “καὶ

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He was present at the rites, and he commended CHAP.
the solicitude with which the people of Elis ad- XXIX
ministered them, and the good order with which
they conducted them, as if they considered them-
selves to be as much on trial as the athletes who
were contending for the prizes, anxious neither will-
ingly nor unwillingly to commit any error. And
when his companions asked him what he thought of
the Eleans in respect of their management of the
Olympic games, he replied : "Whether they are
wise, I do not know, but of their cleverness I am
quite sure."

^{He}
commends
Elis

XXX

How great a dislike he entertained of people CHAP.
who imagine they can write, and how senseless he XXX
considered those to be who essay a literary task
beyond their powers, we can learn from the following Rebukes a
incident: A young man who thought he had talent literary
met him in the precincts of the temple and said :
"Pray honour me with your presence to-morrow,
for I am going to recite something." When
Apollonius asked him what he was going to recite,
he replied : "I have composed a treatise upon Zeus."
And as he said these words he showed, with no
little pride at its stoutness, a book which he was
carrying under his garment. "And," said Apol-
lonius, "what are you going to praise about Zeus ?
Is it the Zeus of this fane, and are you going to say
that there is nothing like him on the whole earth ?"

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CAP. τοῦτο μέν,” ἔφη, “πολλὰ δὲ πρὸ τούτου καὶ ἐπὶ^{xxx} τούτῳ ἔτερα, καὶ γὰρ αἱ ὥραι καὶ τὰ ἐν τῇ γῇ καὶ τὰ ὑπὲρ τὴν γῆν καὶ ἀνέμους εἰναι καὶ ἄστρα Διὸς πάντα.” ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος, “δοκεῖς μοι,” εἶπεν, “ἐγκωμιαστικός τις εἰναι σφόδρα.” “διὰ τοῦτο,” ἔφη, “καὶ ποδάγρας ἐγκώμιόν τί μοι ξυντέτακται καὶ τοῦ τυφλούν τινα ἡ κωφὸν εἰναι.” “ἀλλὰ μηδὲ τοὺς ὑδέρους,” εἶπε, “μηδὲ τοὺς κατάρρους ἀποκήρυττε τῆς ἑαυτοῦ σοφίας, εἰ βούλοιο ἐπαινεῖν τὰ τοιαῦτα, βελτίων δὲ ἔση καὶ τοῖς ἀποθνήσκουσιν ἐπόμενος καὶ διὰν ἐπαίνους τῶν νοσημάτων, ὃν ἀπέθανον, ἥττον γὰρ ἐπ’ αὐτοῖς ἀνιάσονται πατέρες τε καὶ παῖδες καὶ οἱ ἀγχοῦ τῶν ἀποθανόντων.” κεχαλινωμένον δὲ ἵδων τὸ μειράκιον ὑπὸ τοῦ λόγου, “ὁ ἐγκωμιάζων,” εἶπεν, “ὦ ξυγγραφεῦ, πότερον ἂ οἴδεν ἐπαινέσεται ἀμεινον ἡ ἂ οὐκ οἴδεν;” “ἄ οἴδεν,” ἔφη, “πῶς γὰρ ἄν τις ἐπαινοῦ, ἂ οὐκ οἴδε;” “τὸν πατέρα οὖν ἥδη ποτὲ τὸν σαυτοῦ ἐπήνεσας;” “ἐβουλήθην,” εἶπεν “ἀλλ’ ἐπεὶ μέγας τι μοι δοκεῖ καὶ γενναῖος ἀνθρώπων τε ὃν οἴδα κάλλιστος, οἰκόν τε ἵκανὸς οἰκῆσαι καὶ σοφίᾳ ἐς πάντα χρῆσθαι, παρῆκα τὸν ἐς αὐτὸν ἐπαινον, ως μὴ αἰσχύνοιμι τὸν πατέρα λόγῳ ἥττονι.” δυσχεράνας οὖν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, τουτὶ δὲ πρὸς τοὺς φορτικοὺς τῶν ἀνθρώπων

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“Why that, of course,” said the other, “and a great CHAP.
deal more that comes before that and also follows it. XXX
For I shall say how the seasons and how everything
on earth and above the earth, and how the winds
and all the stars belong to Zeus.” And Apollonius
said : “It seems to me that you are a past-master of
encomium.” “Yes,” said the other, “and that is
why I have composed an encomium of gout and of
blindness and deafness.” “And why not of dropsy
too,” said Apollonius ; “for surely you won’t rule
out influenza from the sphere of your cleverness,
since you are minded to praise such things? And
while you are about it, you would do as well to
attend funerals and detail the praises of the various
diseases of which the people died ; for so you will
somewhat soothe the regrets of the fathers and
children and the near relations of the deceased.”
And as he saw that the effect of his words was to put
a bridle on the young man’s tongue, he added : “My
dear author, which is the author of a panegyric
likely best to praise, things which he knows or
things which he does not?” “Things which he
knows,” said the youth. “For how can a man praise
things which he does not know?” “I conclude then
that you have already written a panegyric of your
own father?” “I wanted to,” said the other,
“but as he appears to me rather a big man and a
noble one, and the fairest of men I know, and
a very clever housekeeper, and a paragon of wisdom
all round, I gave up the attempt to compose a
panegyric upon him, lest I should disgrace my father
by a discourse which would not do him justice.”
Thereupon Apollonius was incensed, as he often was
against trivial and vulgar people. “Then,” said he,

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CAP. **XXX** ἔπασχεν, “εἶτα,” ἔφη, “ὦ κάθαρμα, τὸν μὲν πατέρα τὸν σεαυτοῦ, δν ἵσα καὶ σεαυτὸν γιγνώσκεις, οὐκ ἄρ’ οἴει πότ’ ἀν ἰκανῶς ἐπαινέσαι, τὸν δ’ ἀνθρώπων καὶ θεῶν πατέρα καὶ δημιουργὸν τῶν δλων, δσα περὶ ἡμᾶς καὶ ὑπὲρ ἡμᾶς ἐστιν, εὐκόλως οὕτως ἐγκωμιάζων οὕθ’, δν ἐπαινεῖς, δέδιας, οὔτε ξυνίης ἐς λόγον καθιστάμενος μείζονα ἀνθρώπου ;”

XXXI

CAP. **XXXI** Αἱ δὲ ἐν Ὀλυμπίᾳ διαλέξεις τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ περὶ τῶν χρησιμωτάτων ἐγίγνοντο, περὶ σοφίας τε καὶ ἀνδρείας καὶ σωφροσύνης καὶ καθάπαξ, ὅπόσαι ἀρεταί εἰσι, περὶ τούτων ἀπὸ τῆς κρηπῖδος τοῦ νεὼ διελέγετο, πάντας ἐκπλήττων οὐ ταῖς διανοίαις μόνον, ἀλλὰ καὶ ταῖς ἴδεαις τοῦ λόγου. περιστάντες δὲ αὐτὸν οἱ Λακεδαιμόνιοι, ξένον τε παρὰ τῷ Διὶ ἐποιοῦντο καὶ τῶν οἴκοι νέων πατέρα βίου τε νομοθέτην καὶ γερόντων γέρας. ἐρομένου δὲ Κορινθίου τινὸς κατὰ ἀχθηδόνα, εἰ καὶ θεοφάνια αὐτῷ ἄξουσι, “ναὶ τῷ Σιώ,” ἔφη, “ἔτοιμά γε.” ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλωνίος ἀπήγαγεν αὐτοὺς τῶν τοιούτων, ὡς μὴ φθονοῦτο, ἐπεὶ δὲ ὑπερβὰς τὸ Ταύγετον εἶδεν ἐνέργον Λακεδαιμονα καὶ τὰ τοῦ Λυκούργου πάτρια εὖ πράττοντα, οὐκ ἀηδὲς ἐνόμισε τὸ καὶ

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“you wretch, you are not sure that you can ever CHAP.
sufficiently praise your own father whom you know XXX
as well as you do yourself, and yet you set out in
this light-hearted fashion to write an encomium
of the father of men and of gods and of the creator
of everything around us and above us; and you have
no reverence for him whom you praise, nor have you
the least idea that you are embarking on a subject
which transcends the power of man.”

XXXI

THE conversations which Apollonius held in CHAP.
Olympia turned upon the most profitable topics,
such as wisdom and courage and temperance, and in XXXI
a word upon all the virtues. He discussed these
from the platform of the temple, and he astonished
everyone not only by the insight he showed but by
his forms of expression. And the Lacedaemonians
flocked round him and invited him to share the
hospitality of their shrine of Zeus, and made him
father of their youths at home, and legislator of
their lives and the honour of their old men. Now
there was a Corinthian who felt piqued at all this,
and asked whether they were also going to celebrate
a theophany for him. “Yes,” said the other,
“by Castor and Pollux, everything is ready anyhow.”
But Apollonius did not encourage them to pay him
such honours, for he feared they would arouse envy.
And when having crossed the mountain Taygetus,
he saw a Lacedaemon hard at work before him and
all the institutions of Lycurgus in full swing, he
felt that it would be a real pleasure to converse with

He is invited to Sparta

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CAP. τοῖς τέλεσι τῶν Λακεδαιμονίων ξυγγενέσθαι περὶ
XXXI ὡν ἐρωτᾶν ἐβούλοντο· ἥροντο οὖν ἀφικόμενον, πῶς
θεοὶ θεραπευτέοι, ὁ δὲ εἰπεν, “ώς δεσπόται.”
πάλιν ἥροιτο, πῶς ἥρωες· “ώς πατέρες.” τρίτον
δὲ ἐρομένων, πῶς δὲ ἄνθρωποι, “οὐ Λακωνικόν,”
ἔφη, “τὸ ἐρώτημα.” ἥροντο καὶ ὅ τι ἤγοῦτο τοὺς
παρ' αὐτοῖς νόμους, ὁ δὲ εἰπεν, “ἀρίστους διδα-
σκάλους, οἱ διδάσκαλοι δὲ εὐδοκιμήσουσιν, ἦν οἱ
μαθηταὶ μὴ ῥᾳθυμῶσιν.” ἐρομένων δ' αὐτῶν, τί¹
περὶ ἀνδρείας ξυμβούλεύοι, “καὶ τί;” ᔁφη, “τῇ
ἀνδρείᾳ χρήσεσθαι.”

XXXII

CAP. Ετύγχανε δὲ περὶ τὸν χρόνον τοῦτον νεανίας
XXXII Λακεδαιμόνιος αἰτίαν ᔁχων παρ' αὐτοῖς, ώς ἀδικῶν
περὶ τὰ ἥθη· Καλλικρατίδα μὲν γάρ τοῦ περὶ Ἀρ-
γινούσας ναναρχήσαντος ἦν ἔκγονος, ναυκληρίας
δὲ ἥρα καὶ οὐ προσεῖχε τοῖς κοινοῖς, ἀλλ' ἐς
Καρχηδόνα ἔξεπλει καὶ Σικελίαν ναῦς πεποι-
μένος. ἀκούσας οὖν κρίνεσθαι αὐτὸν ἐπὶ τούτῳ,
δεινὸν ὡήθη περιιδεῖν τὸν νεανίαν ὑπαχθέντα ἐς
δίκην, καί, “ὦ λῷστε,” ᔁφη, “τί πεφροντικῶς περίει
καί, μεστὸς ἐννοίας;” “ἀγών,” εἰπεν, “ἐπήγγελταί

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the authorities of the Lacedaemonians about things CHAP. XXXI. which they might ask his opinion upon; so they asked him when he arrived, how the gods are to be revered, and he answered: "As your lords and masters." Secondly they asked him: "And how the heroes?" "As fathers," he replied. And their third question was: "How are men to be revered?" And he answered: "Your question is not one which any Spartan should put." They asked him also what he thought of their laws, and he replied that they were most excellent teachers, adding that teachers will gain fame in proportion as their disciples are industrious. And when they asked him what advice he had to give them about courage, he answered: "Why what else, but that you should display it?"

XXXII

AND about this time it happened that a certain CHAP. XXXII youth of Lacedaemon was charged by his fellow citizens with violating the customs of his country. For though he was descended from Callicratidas who led the navy at the battle of Arginusae, yet he was devoted to seafaring and paid no attention to public affairs; but, instead of doing so, would sail off to Carthage and Sicily in the ships which he had had built. Apollonius then hearing that he was arraigned for this conduct, thought it a pity to desert the youth who had thus fallen under the hand of justice, and said to him: "My excellent fellow, why do you go about so full of anxiety and with such a gloomy air?" "A public prosecution," said the other, "has Converts a
youthful
Spartan
from his
seafaring
life

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ΣΑΡ. μοι δημόσιος, ἐπειδὴ πρὸς ναυκληρίαις εἰμὶ καὶ τὰ
κοινὰ οὐ πράττω..” “πατὴρ δέ σοι ναύκληρος
ἐγένετο ἡ πάππος;” “ἀπαγε,” εἶπε, “γυμνασί-
αρχοι τε καὶ ἔφοροι καὶ πατρονόμοι πάντες,
Καλλικρατίδας δὲ ὁ πρόγονος καὶ τῶν ναυαρχη-
σάντων ἐγένετο.” “μῶν,” ἔφη, “τὸν ἐν Ἀργινού-
σαις λέγεις;” “ἐκεῖνον,” εἶπε, “τὸν ἐν τῇ ναυαρχίᾳ
ἀποθανόντα.” “εἰτ’ οὐ διέβαλέ σοι,” εἶπε, “τὴν
θάλατταν ἡ τελευτὴ τοῦ προγόνου;” “μὰ Δί,”
εἶπεν, “οὐ γὰρ ναυμαχήσων γε πλέω.” “ἀλλ’ ἐμπό-
ρων τε καὶ ναυκλήρων κακοδαιμονέστερόν τι ἐρεῖς
ἔθνος; πρῶτον μὲν περινασταῦσι, ζητοῦσιν ἀγορὰν
κακῶς πράττουσαν, εἴτα προξένοις καὶ καπῆλοις
ἀναμιχθέντες πωλοῦσί τε καὶ πωλοῦνται, καὶ τόκοις
ἀνοσίοις τὰς αὐτῶν κεφαλὰς ὑποτιθέντες ἐς τὸ ἄρ-
χαιὸν σπεύδουσι, κἀν μὲν εὐ πράττωσιν, εὐπλοεῖ
ἡ ναῦς, καὶ πολὺν ποιοῦνται λόγον ταῦ μήτε ἐκόντες
ἀνατρέψαι μήτε ἄκοντες, εἰ δὲ ἡ ἐμπορία πρὸς τὰ
χρέα μὴ ἀναφέροιτο, μεταβάντες ἐς τὰ ἐφόλκια
προσαράττουσι τὰς ναῦς, καὶ τὸν ἐτέρων ναῦται
βίον θεοῦ ἀνάγκην εἰπόντες ἀθεώτata καὶ οὐδὲ
ἄκοντες αὐτὸλ ἀφείλοντο. εἰ δὲ καὶ μὴ τοιοῦτον
ἥν τὸ θαλαττουργόν τε καὶ ναυτικὸν ἔθνος, ἀλλὰ
τό γε Σπαρτιάτην ὅντα καὶ πατέρων γεγονότα, οἱ
μέσην ποτὲ τὴν Σπάρτην φέκησαν, ἐν κοίλῃ νηὶ
κεῖσθαι λήθην μὲν ἵσχοντα Λυκούργου τε καὶ
Ιφίτου, φόρτον δὲ μνήμονα καὶ ναυτικῆς ἀκριβο-

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been instituted against me, because I go in for sea-faring and take no part in public affairs." "And was your father or your grandfather a mariner?" "Of course not," said the other; "they were all of them chiefs of the gymnasium and Ephors and public guardians; Callicratidas, however, my ancestor, was a captain of the fleet." "I suppose," said Apollonius, "you mean him of Arginusae fame?" "Yes, that fell in the naval action leading his fleet." "Then," said Apollonius, "your ancestor's mode of death has not given you any prejudice against a seafaring life?" "No, by Zeus," said the other, "for it is not with a view to conducting battles by sea that I set sail." "Well, and can you mention any rabble of people more wretched and ill-starred than merchants and skippers? In the first place they roam from sea to sea, looking for some market that is badly stocked; and then they sell and buy, associating with factors and brokers, and they put out their own capital at the most unholy rate of interest in their hurry to get back the principal; and if they do well, their ship has a lucky voyage, and they tell you a long story of how they never wrecked it either willingly or unwillingly; but if their gains do not balance their debts, they jump into their long boats and dash their ships on to the rocks, and make no bones as sailors of robbing others of their substance, pretending in the most blasphemous manner that it is an act of God. And even if the seafaring crowd who go on voyages be not so bad as I make them out to be; yet is there any shame worse than this, for a man who is a citizen of Sparta and the child of forbears who of old lived in the heart of Sparta, to secrete himself in the hold of a ship, oblivious of Lycurgus and of Iphitus, thinking of

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CAP.
XXXII λογίας, τίνος αἰσχύνης ἄπεστιν; εἰ γὰρ καὶ μηδὲν ἄλλο, τὴν γοῦν Σπάρτην αὐτὴν ἔδει ἐνθυμεῖσθαι, ώς, ὅπότε μὲν τῆς γῆς εἴχετο, οὐρανομήκη δόξασαν, ἐπεὶ δὲ θαλάττης ἐπεθύμησε, βυθισθεῖσάν τε καὶ ἀφανισθεῖσαν οὐκέ ἐν τῇ θαλάττῃ μόνου, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἐν τῇ γῇ.” τούτοις τὸν νεανίαν οὕτω τι ἔχειρώσατο τοῖς λόγοις, ώς νεύσαντα αὐτὸν ἐς τὴν γῆν κλαίειν, ἐπεὶ τοσοῦτον ἤκουσεν ἀπολελεῖφθαι τῶν πατέρων, ἀποδόσθαι τε τὰς ναῦς, ἐν αἷς ἔζη. καθεστώτα δὲ αὐτὸν ἵδων ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος καὶ τὴν γῆν ἀσπαζόμενον, κατήγαγε παρὰ τοὺς ἐφόρους καὶ παρητήσατο τῆς δίκης.

XXXIII

CAP.
XXXIII Κάκεινο τῶν ἐν Λακεδαίμονι ἐπιστολὴ ἐκ βασιλέως Λακεδαιμονίοις ἥκειν ἐπίπληξιν ἐς τὸ κοινὸν αὐτῶν φέρουσα, ώς ὑπὲρ τὴν ἐλευθερίαν ὑβριζόντων, ἐκ διαβολῶν δὲ τοῦ τῆς Ἑλλάδος ἄρχοντος ἐπέσταλτο αὐτοῖς ταῦτα. οἱ μὲν δὴ Λακεδαιμόνιοι ἀπορίᾳ εἴχοντο, καὶ ἡ Σπάρτη πρὸς ἑαυτὴν ἥριζεν, εἴτε χρὴ παραιτουμένους τὴν ὀργὴν τοῦ βασιλέως εἴτε ὑπερφρονοῦντας ἐπιστέλλειν πρὸς ταῦτα ξύμβουλον ἐποιοῦντο τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον τοῦ τῆς ἐπιστολῆς ἥθους, ὁ δέ, ώς εἶδε διεστηκότας, παρῆλθε τε ἐς τὸ κοινὸν αὐτῶν καὶ ὡδε ἐβραχυ-

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nought but of cargoes and petty bills of lading? For CHAP. XXXII if he thinks of nothing else, he might at least bear in mind that Sparta herself, so long as she stuck to the land, enjoyed a fame reaching to heaven; but when she began to covet the sea, she sank down and down, and was blotted out at last, not only on the sea but on the land as well." The young man was so overcome by these arguments, that he bowed his head to the earth and wept, because he heard he was so degenerate from his fathers; and he sold the ships by which he lived. And when Apollonius saw that he was restored to his senses and inclined to embrace a career on land, he led him before the Ephors and obtained his acquittal.

XXXIII

HERE is another incident that happened in Lacedaemon. A letter came from the Emperor heaping reproaches upon the public assembly of the Lacedaemonians, and declaring that in their licence they abused liberty, and this letter had been addressed to them at the instance of the governor of Greece, who had maligned them. The Lacedaemonians then were at a loss what to do, and Sparta was divided against herself over the issue, whether in their reply to the letter they should try to appease the Emperor's wrath or take a lofty tone towards him. Under the circumstances they sought the counsel of Apollonius and asked him how to pitch the tone of their letter. And he, when he saw them to be divided on the point, came forward in their public assembly and delivered himself of the following short and concise CHAP. XXXIII Advice to Sparta how to answer an Emperor

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CAP.
XXXIII λόγησε· “Παλαμήδης εύρε γράμματα οὐχ ὑπὲρ τοῦ γράφειν μόνον, ἀλλὰ καὶ ὑπὲρ τοῦ γιγνώσκειν ἢ δεῖ μὴ γράφειν.” οὕτω μὲν δὴ Λακεδαιμονίους ἀπῆγε τοῦ μήτε θρασεῖς μήτε δειλοὺς ὀφθῆναι.

XXXIV

CAP.
XXXIV Διατρίψας δ' ἐν τῇ Σπάρτη μετὰ τὴν Ὀλυμπίαν χρόνον, ώς ἐτελεύτα ὁ χειμών, ἐπὶ Μαλέαν ἤλθεν ἀρχομένου ἥροις, ώς ἐς τὴν Ῥώμην ἀφήσων, διανοούμενῳ δ' αὐτῷ ταῦτα ἐγένετο ὅναρ τοιόνδε· ἐδόκει γυναικα μεγίστην τε καὶ πρεσβυτάτην περιβάλλειν αὐτὸν καὶ δεῖσθαι οἱ ξυγγενέσθαι, πρὶν ἐς Ἰταλοὺς πλεῦσαι, Διὸς δὲ εἶναι ἡ τροφὸς ἔλεγε, καὶ ἦν αὐτῇ στέφανος πάντ' ἔχων τὰ ἐκ γῆς καὶ θαλάττης. λογισμὸν δὲ αὐτῷ διδοὺς τῆς ὄψεως ξυνῆκεν, ὅτι πλευστέα εἴη ἐς Κρήτην πρότερον, ἦν τροφὸν ἡγούμεθα τοῦ Διός, ἐπειδὴ ἐν ταύτῃ ἐμαιεύθη, ὁ δὲ στέφανος καὶ ἄλλην ἵσως δηλώσαι νῆσον. οὐσῶν δὲ ἐν Μαλέᾳ νεῶν πλειόνων, αὐτὸν δηλώσαι οὐσῶν δὲ ἐκάλει τούς τε ἐταίρους καὶ τοὺς τῶν ἐταίρων δούλους, οὐδὲ γὰρ ἐκείνους παρεώρα. προσπλεύσας δὲ Κυδωνίᾳ, καὶ παραπλεύσας ἐς Κυωσσόν, τὸν μὲν Λαβύρινθον, δις ἐκεῖ δείκνυται, ξυνεῖχε δέ, οἷμαί, ποτε τὸν Μινώταυρον, βουλομένων ἴδεῖν τῶν ἐταίρων, ἐκείνοις μὲν ξυνεχώρει τοῦτο, αὐτὸς δὲ οὐκ ἀν-

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speech : " Palamedes discovered writing not only in order that people might write, but also in order that they might know what they must not write." In this way accordingly he dissuaded the Lacedaemonians from showing themselves to be either too bold or cowardly.

XXXIV

HE stayed in Sparta for some time after the Olympic festival, until the winter was over ; and at the beginning of spring proceeded to Malea with the intention of setting out for Rome. But while he was still pondering this project, he had the following dream : It seemed as if a woman both very tall and venerable in years embraced him, and asked him to visit her before he set sail for Italy ; and she said that she was the nurse of Zeus, and she wore a wreath that held everything that is on the earth or in the sea. He proceeded to ponder the meaning of the vision, and came to the conclusion that he ought first to sail to Crete, which we regard as the nurse of Zeus, because in that island Zeus was born ; although the wreath might perhaps indicate some other island. Now there were several ships at Malea, making ready to set sail to Crete, so he embarked upon one sufficient for his association, to which he gave the title of his companions, and also his companions' servants, for he did not think it right to pass over the latter. And he bent his course for Cydonia, and sailed past that place to Knossus, where a labyrinth is shown, which, I believe, once on a time, contained the Minotaur. As his companions were anxious to see this he allowed them to do so,

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CAP. XXXIV ἔφη θεατὴς γενέσθαι τῆς ἀδικίας τοῦ Μίνω. προήει δὲ ἐπὶ Γόρτυναν πόθῳ τῆς Ἱδης. ἀνελθὼν οὖν καὶ τοῖς θεολογουμένοις ἐντυχών, ἐπορεύθη καὶ ἐς τὸ ἱερὸν τὸ Λεβηναῖον· ἔστι δὲ Ἀσκληπιοῦ, καὶ ὥσπερ ἡ Ἀσία ἐς τὸ Πέργαμον, οὕτως ἐς τὸ ἱερὸν τοῦτο ξυνεφοίτα ἡ Κρήτη, πολλοὶ δὲ καὶ Λιβύων ἐς αὐτὸ περαιοῦνται· καὶ γὰρ τέτραπται πρὸς τὸ Λιβυκὸν πέλαγος κατὰ γοῦν τὴν Φαιστόν, ἐνθα τὴν πολλὴν ἀνείργει θάλατταν ὁ μικρὸς λίθος. Λεβηναῖον δὲ τὸ ἱερὸν ὀνομάσθαι φασίν, ἐπειδὴ ἀκρωτήριον ἔξ αὐτοῦ κατατείνει λέοντι εἰκασμένον, οὐα πολλὰί αἱ ξυντυχίαι τῶν πετρῶν ἀποφαίνουσι, μῦθόν τε ἐπὶ τῷ ἀκρωτηρίῳ ἄδουσιν, ὡς λέων εἰς οὗτος γένοιτο τῶν ὑποξυγίων ποτὲ τῇ Ῥέᾳ. ἐνταῦθα διαλεγομένου ποτὲ τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου περὶ μεσημβρίαν, διελέγετο δὲ πολλοῖς ἀνδράσιν, ὑφ' ᾧ τὸ ἱερὸν ἐθεραπεύετο, σεισμὸς ἀθρώς τῇ Κρήτῃ προσέβαλε, βροντὴ δὲ οὐκ ἐκ νεφῶν, ἀλλ' ἐκ τῆς γῆς ὑπήχησεν, ἡ θάλαττα δὲ ὑπενόστησε στάδια ἵσως ἐπτά. καὶ οἱ μὲν πολλοὶ ἔδεισαν, μὴ τὸ πέλαγος ὑποχωρῆσαν ἐπισπάσηται τὸ ἱερὸν καὶ ἀπενεχθῶσιν, ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος, “θαρσεῖτε,” ἔφη, “ἡ γὰρ θάλαττα γῆν ἔτεκε.” καὶ οἱ μὲν φοντο αὐτὸν τὴν ὁμόνοιαν τῶν στοιχείων λέγειν, καὶ ὅτι μηδὲν ἀν ἡ θάλαττα νεώτερον ἐς τὴν γῆν ἐργάσαιτο, μετὰ δὲ ἡμέρας ὀλίγας ἀφικόμενοί τινες ἐκ τῆς Κυδωνιάτιδος ἤγγειλαν, ὅτι κατὰ τὴν ἡμέραν τε καὶ μεσημβρίαν, ἦν ἐγένετο ἡ διοσημία, νῆσος ἐκ τῆς θαλάττης ἀνεδόθη περὶ τὸν πορθμὸν τὸν

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but refused himself to be a spectator of the injustice CHAP.
of Minos, and continued his course to Gortyna because XXXIV
he longed to visit Ida. He accordingly climbed up, and after visiting the sacred sites he passed on to the shrine of Leben. And this is a shrine of Earthquake
Asclepius, and just as the whole of Asia flocks to at the
Pergamum, so the whole of Crete flocked to this shrine of Leben
shrine ; and many Libyans also cross the sea to visit it, for it faces towards the Libyan sea close to Phaestus, where the little rock keeps out a mighty sea. And they say that this shrine is named that of Leben, because a promontory juts out from it which resembles a lion, for here, as often, a chance arrangement of the rocks suggests an animal form ; and they tell a story about this promontory, how it was once one of the lions which were yoked in the chariot of Rhea. Here Apollonius was haranguing on one occasion about midday, and was addressing quite a number of people who were worshipping at the shrine, when an earthquake shook the whole of Crete at once, and a roar of thunder was heard to issue not from the clouds but from the earth, and the sea receded about seven stadia. And most of them were afraid that the sea by receding in this way would drag the temple after it, so that they would be carried away. But Apollonius said : " Be of good courage, for the earth hath borne land and brought it forth." And they thought that he was alluding to the harmony of the elements, and was arguing that the sea would never wreak its violence upon the land ; but after a few days some travellers arrived from Cydoniatis and announced that on the very day on which this portent occurred and just at the same hour of midday, an island rose out of the sea in the

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CAP.
XXXIV διαρρέοντα Θύραν τε καὶ Κρήτην. ἔάσαντες οὖν λόγων μῆκος ἐλθωμεν καὶ ἐπὶ τὰς ἐν Ῥώμῃ σπουδάς, αὐτὸντο μετὰ τὰ ἐν Κρήτῃ.

XXXV

CAP.
XXXV Νέρων οὐ ξυνεχώρει φιλοσοφεῖν, ἀλλὰ περίεργον αὐτῷ χρῆμα οἱ φιλοσοφοῦντες ἔφαινοντο καὶ μαντικὴν συσκιάζοντες, καὶ ηχθῇ ποτὲ ὁ τρίβων ἐς δικαστήριον, ὡς μαντικῆς σχῆμα. ἐώ τοὺς ἄλλους, ἀλλὰ Μουσῶνιος ὁ Βαβυλώνιος, ἀνὴρ Ἀπολλωνίου μόνου δεύτερος, ἐδέθη ἐπὶ σοφίᾳ καὶ ἐκεῖ μένων ἐκινδύνευσεν, ἀπέθανε δ' ἀν τὸ ἐπὶ τῷ δήσαντι, εἰ μὴ σφόδρα ἔρρωτο.

XXXVI

CAP.
XXXVI 'Εν τοιαύτῃ καταστάσει φιλοσοφίας οὔσης ἔτυχε προσιὼν τῇ Ῥώμῃ, στάδια δὲ εἴκοσι καὶ ἑκατὸν ἀπέχων ἐνέτυχε Φιλολάῳ τῷ Κιττιεῖ περὶ τὸ νέμος τὸ ἐν τῇ Ἀρικίᾳ. οὗ δὲ ὁ Φιλόλαος τὴν μὲν γλώτταν ξυγκείμενος, μαλακώτερος δὲ καρτερῆσαί τι. οὗτος ἀναλύων ἀπὸ τῆς Ῥώμης αὐτός τε ἐφίκει φεύγοντι, καὶ δτῷ ἐντύχοι φιλοσοφοῦντι παρεκελεύετο τὸ αὐτὸ πράττειν. προσειπὼν οὖν τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον ἐκέλευεν ἐκστῆναι τῷ καιρῷ, μηδὲ ἐπιφοιτᾶν τῇ Ῥώμῃ διαβεβλημένου τοῦ

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firth between Thera and Crete. However, I must give up all prolixity and hurry on to relate the conversations which he held in Rome, subsequently to his stay in Crete.

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NERO was opposed to philosophy, because he suspected its devotees of being addicted to magic, and of being diviners in disguise ; and at last the philosopher's mantle brought its wearers before the law courts, as if it were a mere cloak of the divining art. I will not mention other names, but Musonius of Babylon, a man only second to Apollonius, was thrown into prison for the crime of being a sage, and there lay in danger of death ; and he would have died for all his gaoler cared, if it had not been for the strength of his constitution.

CHAP.
XXXV

Nero imprisons
Musonius

XXXVI

SUCH was the condition in which philosophy stood when Apollonius was approaching Rome ; and at a distance of one hundred and twenty stadia from its walls he met Philolaus of Cittium in the neighbourhood of the Grove of Aricia. Now Philolaus was a polished speaker, but too soft to bear any hardships. He had quitted Rome, and was virtually a fugitive, and any philosopher he met with he urged to take the same course. He accordingly addressed himself to Apollonius, and urged him to give way to circumstances, and not to proceed to Rome, where philosophy was in such bad odour ; and he related

CHAP.
XXXVI

Philolaus
warns him
against
entering
Rome

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CAP.
XXXVI φιλοσοφεῖν, καὶ διηγεῖτο τὰ ἐκεῖ πραττόμενα θαμὰ
ἐπιστρεφόμενος, μὴ ἐπακροῷτό τις αὐτοῦ κατόπιν.
“σὺ δὲ καὶ χορὸν φιλοσόφων ἀναψάμενος,” εἶπε,
“βαδίζεις φθόνου μεστός, οὐκ εἰδὼς τοὺς ἐπιτεταγ-
μένους ταῖς πύλαις ὑπὸ Νέρωνος, οἱ ξυλλήψονται
σέ τε καὶ τούτους, πρὶν ἔσω γενέσθαι.” “τί δ;,”
εἶπεν, “ὦ Φιλόλαε, τὸν αὐτοκράτορα σπουδάζειν
φασίν;” “ἡμιοχεῖ,” ἔφη, “δημοσίᾳ καὶ ἄδει παριὼν
ἔσ τὰ Ῥωμαίων θέατρα καὶ μετὰ τῶν μονο-
μαχούντων ζῆ, μονομαχεῖ δὲ καὶ αὐτὸς καὶ
ἀποσφάττει.” ὑπολαβὼν οὖν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος,
“εἴτα,” ἔφη, “ὦ βέλτιστε, μεῖζόν τι ἡγῆ θέαμα
ἀνδράσι πεπαιδευμένοις ἡ βασιλέα ἵδειν ἀσχημο-
νοῦντα; θεοῦ μὲν γάρ παίγνιον ἀνθρωπος” εἶπε
“κατὰ τὴν Πλάτωνος δόξαν, βασιλεὺς δὲ ἀνθρώ-
που παίγνιον γυγνόμενος καὶ χαριζόμενος τοῖς
ծχλοις τὴν ἑαυτοῦ αἰσχύνην, τίνας οὐκ ἀν παράσχοι
λόγους τοῖς φιλοσοφοῦσι;” “νὴ Δῖ,” εἶπεν ὁ
Φιλόλαος, “εἴγε μετὰ τοῦ ἀκινδύνου γίγνοιτο, εἰ δὲ
ἀπόλοιο ἀναχθεὶς καὶ Νέρων σε ὡμὸν φάγοι μηδὲν
ἰδόντα ὡν πράττει, ἐπὶ πολλῷ ἔσται σοι τὸ
ἐντυχεῖν αὐτῷ καὶ ἐπὶ πλείονι ἡ τῷ Ὁδυσσεῖ
ἐγένετο, ὅπότε παρὰ τὸν Κύκλωπα ἥλθεν, ἀπώ-
λεσε γάρ πολλοὺς τῶν ἔταιρων ποθήσας ἵδειν
αὐτὸν καὶ ἡττηθεὶς ἀτόπου καὶ ὡμοῦ θεάματος.”
ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος, “οἴει γάρ,” ἔφη, “τοῦτον ἡττον

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to him what was taking place there, and as he did so he kept turning his head round, lest anybody should be listening behind him to what he said. "And you," he said, "after attaching this band of philosophers to yourself, a thing which will bring you into suspicion and odium, are on your way thither, knowing nothing of the officers set over the gates by Nero, who will arrest you and them before ever you enter or get inside." "And what," said Apollonius, "O Philolaus, are the occupations of the autocrat said to be?" "He drives a chariot," said the other, "in public; and he comes forward on the boards of the Roman theatres and sings songs, and he lives with gladiators, and he himself fights as one and slays his man." Apollonius therefore replied and said: "Then, my dear fellow, do you think that there can be any better spectacle for men of education than to see an emperor thus demeaning himself? For if in Plato's opinion man is the sport of the gods, what a theme we have here provided for philosophers by an emperor who makes himself the sport of man and sets himself to delight the common herd with the spectacle of his own shame?" "Yes, by Zeus," said Philolaus, "if you could do it with impunity; but if you are going to lose your life by going thither, and if Nero is going to devour you alive before you see anything of what he does, your interview with him will cost you dear, much dearer than it ever cost Ulysses to visit the Cyclops in his home; though he lost many of his comrades in his anxiety to see him, and because he yielded to the temptation of beholding so cruel a monster." But Apollonius said: "So you think that this ruler is less blinded than the Cyclops, if he

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CAP. XXXVI ἐκτετυφλῶσθαι τοῦ Κύκλωπος, εἰ τοιαῦτα ἐργάζεται;” καὶ ὁ Φιλόλαος “πραττέτω μέν,” εἶπεν, “ὅ τι βούλεται, σὺ δὲ ἀλλὰ τούτους σῶζε.”

XXXVII

CAP. XXXVII Φωνὴ δὲ ταῦτα μείζονι ἔλεγε καὶ ἐώκει κλάοντι. ἐνταῦθα δείσας ὁ Δάμις περὶ τοὺς νέοις, μὴ χείρους αὐτῶν γένοιντο ὑπὸ τῆς τοῦ Φιλολάου πτοίας, ἀπολαβὼν τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον, “ἀπολεῖ,” ἔφη, “τοὺς νέους ὁ λαγώς οὗτος τρόμων καὶ ἀθυμίας ἀναπιμπλὰς πάντα.” ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος, “καὶ μὴν πολλῶν,” ἔφη, “ἀγαθῶν ὅντων, ἂ μηδὲ εὐξαμένῳ μοι πολλάκις παρὰ τῶν θεῶν γέγονε, μέγιστον ἀνέγωγε φαίην ἀπολελαυκέναι τὸ νυνὶ τοῦτο, παραπέπτωκε γὰρ βάσανος τῶν νέων, ἡ σφόδρα ἐλέγχει τοὺς φιλοσοφοῦντάς τε αὐτῶν καὶ τοὺς ἔτερόν τι μᾶλλον ἡ τοῦτο πράττοντας.” καὶ ἡλέγχθησαν αὐτίκα οἱ μὴ ἐρρωμένοι σφῶν, ὑπὸ γὰρ τῶν τοῦ Φιλολάου λόγων ἀπαχθέντες οἱ μὲν ἔφασαν νοσεῖν, οἱ δ' οὐκ εἶναι αὐτοῖς ἐφόδια, οἱ δὲ τῶν οἴκοι ἐράν, οἱ δὲ ὑπὸ ὄνειράτων ἐκπεπλήγθαι, καὶ περιῆλθεν ἐς ὄκτὼ ὄμιλητὰς ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος ἐκ τεττάρων καὶ τριάκοντα, οἱ ξυνεφοίτων αὐτῷ ἐς τὴν Ῥώμην. οἱ δ' ἄλλοι Νέρωνά τε καὶ φιλοσοφίαν ἀποδράντες φυγῇ φύχοντο.

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commits such crimes?" And Philolaus answered : CHAP.
"Let him do what he likes, but do you at least save ^{XXXVI} these your companions."

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AND these words he uttered in a loud voice and CHAP.
with an air of weeping ; whereupon Damis conceived XXXVII
a fear lest the younger men of his party should be
unmanned by the craven terrors of Philolaus. So he
took aside Apollonius and said : " This hare, with all
his panicky fears, will ruin these young men, and fill
them with discouragement." But Apollonius said :
" Well, of all the blessings which have been
vouchsafed to me by the gods, often without my
praying for them at all, this present one, I may say,
is the greatest that I have ever enjoyed ; for chance
has thrown in my way a touchstone to test these
young men, of a kind to prove most thoroughly
which of them are philosophers, and which of them
prefer some other line of conduct than that of the
philosopher." And in fact the knock-kneed among
them were detected in no time, for under the
influence of what Philolaus said, some of them
declared that they were ill, others that they had no
provisions for the journey, others that they were
homesick, others that they had been deterred by
dreams ; and in the result the thirty-four companions
of Apollonius who were willing to accompany him
to Rome were reduced to eight. And all the rest
ran away from Nero and philosophy, both at once,
and took to their heels.

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XXXVIII

CAP.
XXXVIII Ξυναγαγών οὖν τοὺς περιλειφθέντας, ὃν καὶ
Μένιππος ἡνὸς ὁ ξυναλλάξας τῇ ἐμπούσῃ καὶ
Διοσκορίδης ὁ Αἰγύπτιος καὶ Δάμις, “οὐ λοιδορή-
σομαι,” ἔφη, “τοῖς ἀπολελοιπόσιν ἡμᾶς, ἀλλ’ ὑμᾶς
ἐπαινέσομαι μᾶλλον, ὅτι ἄνδρες ἐστὲ ἐμοὶ ὅμοιοι,
οὐδέ, εἴ τις Νέρωνα δείσας ἀπῆλθε, δειλὸν ἡγήσο-
μαι τοῦτον, ἀλλ’ εἴ τις τοῦ δέους τούτου κρείττων
γίγνεται, φιλόσοφος ὑπ’ ἐμοῦ προσειρήσεται, καὶ
διδάξομαι αὐτόν, ὅπόσα οἶδα. δοκεῖ δή μοι πρῶτον
μὲν εὔξασθαι τοῖς θεοῖς, δι’ οὓς ταῦτα ἐπὶ νοῦν
ἡλθεν ὑμῖν τε κάκείνοις, ἔπειθ’ ἡγεμόνας αὐτοὺς
ποιεῖσθαι, θεῶν γὰρ χωρὶς οὐδέ ἐν ἄλλῳ ἐσμέν.
παριτητέα ἐσ πόλιν, ἢ τοσούτων τῆς οἰκουμένης
μερῶν ἄρχει· πῶς οὖν ἀν παρέλθοι τις, εἴ μὴ
ἔκείνοι ἡγοῦντο; καὶ ταῦτα τυραννίδος ἐν αὐτῇ
καθεστηκυίας οὕτω χαλεπῆς, ὡς μὴ ἔξειναι σοφοῖς
είναι. ἀνόητόν τε μηδενὶ δοκείτω τὸ θαρσεῖν ὁδόν,
ἥν πολλοὶ τῶν φιλοσόφων φεύγουσιν, ἐγὼ γὰρ
πρῶτον μὲν οὐδὲν ἀν ἡγοῦμαι φοβερὸν οὕτω
γενέσθαι τῶν κατ’ ἀνθρώπους, ὡς ἐκπλαγῆναι
ποτε ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ τὸν σοφόν, εἰτ’ οὐδέ ἀν προθείην
ἀνδρείας μελέτας, ἐὰν μὴ μετὰ κινδύνων γίγνοιντο.
καὶ ἄλλως ἐπελθὼν γῆν, ὅσην οὕπω τις ἀνθρώπων,
θηρία μὲν Ἀράβιά τε καὶ Ἰνδικὰ πάμπολλα εἰδον,
τὸ δὲ θηρίον τοῦτο, δικαίως οἱ πολλοὶ τύραννον,

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HE therefore assembled those who were left, among whom were Menippus, who had foregathered with the hobgoblin, and Dioscorides the Egyptian, and Damis, and said to them : " I shall not scold those who have abandoned us, but I shall rather praise you for being men like myself : nor shall I think a man a coward, because he has disappeared out of dread of Nero, but anyone who rises superior to such fear I will hail as a philosopher, and I will teach him all I know. I think then that we ought first of all to pray to the gods who have suggested these different courses to you and to them ; and then we ought to solicit their direction and guidance, for we are not remote from the gods even in a foreign country. We must then march forward to the city which is mistress of so much of the inhabited world ; but how can anybody go forward thither, unless the gods are leading him ? The more so, because a tyranny has been established in this city so harsh and cruel, that it does not suffer men to be wise. And let not anyone think it foolish so to venture along a path which many philosophers are fleeing from ; for in the first place I do not esteem any human agency so formidable, that a wise man can ever be terrified by it ; and in the second place, I would not urge upon you the pursuit of bravery, unless it were attended with danger. Moreover, in traversing more of the earth than any man yet has visited, I have seen hosts of Arabian and Indian wild beasts ; but as to this wild beast, which the many call a tyrant,

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XXXVIII
He
addresses
exhorta-
tions to the
eight who
remain

He
charac-
terises Nero

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CAP.
XXXVIII οὔτε ὁπόσαι κεφαλαὶ αὐτῷ, οἶδα, οὔτε εἰ γάμψων
νυχόν τε καὶ καρχαρόδουν ἐστί. καίτοι πολιτικὸν
μὲν εἶναι τὸ θηρίον τοῦτο λέγεται καὶ τὰ μέσα τῶν
πόλεων οἰκεῖν, τοσούτῳ δὲ ἀγριώτερον διάκειται
τῶν ὄρεινῶν τε καὶ ὑλαίων, ὅσῳ λέοντες μὲν καὶ
παρδάλεις ἐνίστε κολακευόμενοι ἡμεροῦνται καὶ
μεταβάλλουσι τοῦ ἥθους, τουτὶ δὲ ὑπὸ τῶν
καταψηχόντων ἐπαιρόμενον ἀγριώτερον αὐτοῦ
γίγνεται καὶ λαφύσσει πάντα. περὶ μέν γε θηρίων
οὐκ ἀν εἴποις, δτι τὰς μητέρας ποτὲ τὰς αὐτῶν
ἔδαισαντο, Νέρων δὲ ἐμπεφόρηται τῆς βορᾶς
ταύτης. εἰ δὲ καὶ ταῦτα γέγονεν ἐπ' Ὁρέστη καὶ
Ἀλκμαίωνι, ἀλλ' ἐκείνοις σχῆμα τοῦ ἔργου πατέ-
ρες ἦσαν, ὁ μὲν ἀποθανὼν ὑπὸ τῆς ἑαυτοῦ γυναικός,
ὁ δὲ ὅρμου πραθείς, οὗτοσὶ δὲ καὶ ἐσποιητεὶς ὑπὸ¹
τῆς μητρὸς γέρουντι βασιλεῖ καὶ κληρονομήσας τὸ
ἄρχειν, ναυαγίῳ τὴν μητέρα ἀπέκτεινε, πλοῖον ἐπ'
αὐτῇ ξυνθείς, ὑφ' οὐδὲν ἀπώλετο πρὸς τῇ γῇ. εἰ δὲ
ἐκ τούτων φοβερόν τις ἡγεῖται Νέρωνα, καὶ διὰ
τοῦτο ἀποπηδᾷ φιλοσοφίας, οὐκ ἀσφαλὲς αὐτῷ
νομίζων τὸ ἀπὸ θυμοῦ τι αὐτῷ πράττειν, ἵστω τὸ
μὲν φοβερὸν ἐκείνοις ὑπάρχον, ὅσοι περ ἀν
σωφροσύνης τε καὶ σοφίας ἀπτωνται, τούτοις γὰρ
καὶ τὰ παρὰ τῶν θεῶν εὖ ἔχει, τὰ δὲ τῶν ὑβρι-
ζόντων ὕθλον ἡγείσθω, καθὰ καὶ τὰ τῶν μεμεθυ-
σμένων, καὶ γὰρ δὴ κάκείνους γε ἡλιθίους μὲν
ἡγούμεθα, φοβεροὺς δὲ οὐ. Ἱωμεν οὖν ἐς τὴν
Ῥώμην, εἴγε ἐρρώμεθα, πρὸς γὰρ τὰ Νέρωνος

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I know not either how many heads he has, nor ^{CHAP.} whether he has crooked talons and jagged teeth. In ^{XXXVIII} any case, though this monster is said to be a social beast and to inhabit the heart of cities, yet he is so much wilder and fiercer in his disposition than animals of the mountain and forest, that whereas you can sometimes tame and alter the character of lions and leopards by flattering them, this one is only roused to greater cruelty than before by those who stroke him, so that he rends and devours all alike. And again there is no animal anyhow of which you can say that it ever devours its own mother, but Nero is gorged with such quarry. It is true, perhaps, that the same crime was committed in the case of Orestes and Alcmaeon, but they had some excuse for their deeds, in that the father of the one was murdered by his own wife, while the other's had been sold for a necklace ; this man, however, has murdered the very mother to whom he owes his adoption by the aged emperor and his inheritance of the empire ; for he shipwrecked and so slew her close to land in a vessel built for the express purpose of doing her to death. If, however, anyone is disposed to dread Nero for these reasons, and is led abruptly to forsake philosophy, conceiving that it is not safe for him to thwart his evil temper, let him know that the quality of inspiring fear really belongs to those who are devoted to temperance and wisdom, because they are sure of divine succour. But let him snap his fingers at the threats of the proud and insolent, as he would at those of drunken men ; for we regard the latter surely as daft and silly, but not as formidable. Let us then go forward to Rome, if we are good men and true ; for to Nero's proclamations

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CAP.
XXXVIII κηρύγματα, δι' ὧν ἔξειργει φιλοσοφίαν, ἔστιν
ἡμῖν τὸ τοῦ Σοφοκλέους λέγειν·

οὐ γάρ τί μοι Ζεὺς ἡν ὁ κηρύξας τάδε,
οὐδὲ Μοῦσαι καὶ Ἀπόλλων λόγιος. εἰκὸς δὲ καὶ
αὐτὸν Νέρωνα γιγνώσκειν τὰ ιαμβεῖα ταῦτα,
τραγῳδίᾳ, ὡς φασι, χαίροντα.”

ἐνταῦθά τις τὸ Ὁμήρου ἐνθυμῆθείς, ὡς, ἐπειδὴν
ὁ λόγος ἀρμόσῃ πολεμικοὺς ἄνδρας, μία μὲν κόρυς
γίγνουνται, μία δὲ ἀσπίς, εύρειν ἄν μοι δοκεῖ αὐτὸν
τοῦτο καὶ περὶ τούσδε τοὺς ἄνδρας γενόμενον· ὑπὸ^{τοῦτο} γὰρ τῶν τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου λόγων ξυγκροτηθέντες,
ἀποθυήσκειν τε ὑπὲρ φιλοσοφίας ἔρρωντο καὶ
βελτίους τῶν ἀποδράντων φαίνεσθαι.

XXXIX

CAP.
XXXIX Προσήγεσαν μὲν οὖν ταῖς πύλαις, οἱ δὲ ἐφεστῶ-
τες οὐδὲν ἡρώτων, ἀλλὰ περιήθρουν τὸ σχῆμα καὶ
ἔθαύμαζον· ὁ γὰρ τρόπος ἱερὸς ἐδόκει καὶ οὐδὲν
ἐοικῶς τοῖς ἀγείρουσι. καταλύουσι δ' αὐτοῖς ἐν
πανδοχείῳ περὶ τὰς πύλας καὶ δεῖπνον αἴρουμέ-
νοις, ἐπειδὴ καιρὸς ἐσπέρας ἥδη ἐτύγχανεν, ὡς ἐπὶ^{τοῦτο}
κῶμον ἔρχεται μεθύων ἄνθρωπος οὐκ ἀγλευκῶς
τῆς φωνῆς ἔχων, περιήει δὲ ἄρα κύκλῳ τὴν Ῥώμην
ἄδων τὰ τοῦ Νέρωνος μέλη καὶ μεμισθωμένος
τοῦτο, τὸν δὲ ἀμελῶς ὀκούσαντα ἦ μὴ κατα-
βαλόντα μισθὸν τῆς ἀκροάσεως ξυνεκεχώρητο

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in which he banishes philosophy we may well oppose CHAP.
the verse of Sophocles : XXXVIII

“‘ For in no wise was it Zeus who made this Antigone
proclamation unto me,’ 450

nor the Muses either, nor Apollo the god of eloquence.
But it may well be that Nero himself knows this
iambic line, for he is, they say, addicted to tragedy.”

This occasion reminds one of the saying of Homer, Iliad 18. 130
that when warriors are knit together by reason, they
become as it were a single plume and helmet, and a
single shield ; and it seems to me that this very
sentiment found its application in regard to these
heroes ; for they were welded together and en-
couraged by the words of Apollonius to die in
behalf of their philosophy, and strengthened to
show themselves superior to those who had run
away.

XXXIX

THEY accordingly approached the gates of Rome, CHAP.
and the sentries asked them no questions, although XXXIX
they scanned their dress with some curiosity ; for the They enter
fashion of it was that of religious ascetics, and did not Rome
in the least resemble that of beggars. And they put Nero's
up at an inn close to the gate, and were taking their harpists
supper, for it was already eventide, when a drunken
fellow with a far from harsh voice turned up as it
were for a revel ; and he was one it seems who was in
the habit of going round about Rome singing Nero's
songs and hired for the purpose, and anyone who
neglected to listen to him or refused to pay him for his
music, he had the right to arrest for violating Nero's

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CAP.
XXXIX αὐτῷ καὶ ἀπάγειν ὡς ἀσεβοῦντα. ήν δὲ αὐτῷ καὶ κιθάρα καὶ ἡ πρόσφορος τῷ κιθαρίζειν σκευὴ πᾶσα, καὶ τινα καὶ νευρὰν τῶν ἐφαψαμένων τε καὶ προεντεταμένων ἀποκειμένην ἐν κοιτίδι εἰχεν, ήν ἔφασκεν ἐκ τῆς Νέρωνος ἐωνῆσθαι κιθάρας δυοῖν μναῖν καὶ ἀποδώσεσθαι αὐτὴν οὔδενί, ήν μὴ κιθαρῳδὸς ἦ τῶν ἀρίστων τε καὶ ἀγωνιουμένων Πυθοῖ. ἀναβαλόμενος οὖν, ὅπως εἰώθει, καὶ βραχὺν διεξελθὼν ὅμοιον τοῦ Νέρωνος ἐπῆγε μέλη τὰ μὲν ἐξ Ὁρεστείας, τὰ δὲ ἐξ Ἀντιγόνης, τὰ δ' ὅποθενοῦν τῶν τραγῳδουμένων αὐτῷ, καὶ φόδας ἔκαμπτεν, ὁπόσας Νέρων ἐλύγιζε τε καὶ κακῶς ἔστρεφεν. ἀργότερον δὲ ἀκροωμένων ὁ μὲν ἀσεβεῖσθαι Νέρωνα ὑπ' αὐτῶν ἔφασκε καὶ πολεμίους τῆς θείας φωνῆς εἶναι, οἱ δὲ οὐ προσείχον. ἐρομένου δὲ τοῦ Μενίππου τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον, πῶς ἀκούοι λέγοντος ταῦτα, “πῶς,” ἔφη, “ἢ ὡς ὅτε γέδειν; ἡμεῖς μέντοι, ὡ Μένιππε, μὴ παροξυσμέθα πρὸς ταῦτα, ἀλλὰ τὸν μισθὸν τῆς ἐπιδείξεως δόντες ἔάσωμεν αὐτὸν θύειν ταῖς Νέρωνος Μούσαις.”

XL

CAP.
XL Τοῦτο μὲν δὴ ἐπὶ τοσοῦτον ἐπαρφυήθη. ἅμα δὲ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ Τελεσῖνος ὁ ἔτερος τῶν ὑπάτων καλέσας τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον, “τί,” ἔφη, “τὸ σχῆμα;” ὁ

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majesty. And he carried a harp and all the outfit proper for a harpist, and he also had put away in a casket a second-hand string which others had fastened on their instruments and tuned up before him, and this he said he had purchased off Nero's own lyre for two minas, and that he would sell it to no one who was not a first-rate harpist and fit to contend for the prize at Delphi. He then struck up a prelude, according to his custom, and after performing a short hymn composed by Nero, he added various lays, some out of the story of Orestes, and some from the Antigone, and others from one or another of the tragedies composed by Nero, and he proceeded to drawl out the airs which Nero was in the habit of murdering by his miserable phrasing and modulations. As they listened with some indifference, he proceeded to accuse them of violating Nero's majesty and of being enemies of his divine voice ; but they paid no attention to him. Then Menippus asked Apollonius how he appreciated these remarks, whereupon he said : " How do I appreciate them ? Why, just as I did his songs. Let us, however, O Menippus, not take too much offence at his remarks, but let us give him something for his performance and dismiss him to sacrifice to the Muses of Nero."

XL

So ended the episode of this poor drunken fool. But at daybreak Telesinus, one of the consuls, called Apollonius to him, and said : " What is this dress which you wear ? " And he answered : " A pure

CHAP.
XL
Interview
with
Telesinus
the Consul

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CAP. δέ, “καθαρόν,” εἶπε, “καὶ ἀπ’ οὐδενὸς θυητοῦ.”
XL “τίς δὲ ἡ σοφία;” “θειασμός,” ἔφη, “καὶ ως ἄν τις θεοῖς εὔχοιτο καὶ θύοι.” “ἔστι δέ τις, ὡ φιλόσοφε, δις ἀγνοεῖ ταῦτα;” “πολλοί,” εἶπεν, “εἰ δὲ καὶ ὁρθῶς τις ἐπίσταται ταῦτα, πολλῷ γένοιτ’ ἀν αὐτοῦ βελτίων ἀκούσας σοφωτέρου ἀνδρός, ὅτι, ἀ οἴδεν, εὺ οἴδεν.” ταῦτα ἀκούοντα τὸν Τελεσίνον, καὶ γὰρ ἐτύγχανεν ὑποθεραπεύων τὸ θεῖον, ἐσῆλθεν ὁ ἀνὴρ δι’ ἀ πάλαι περὶ αὐτοῦ ἤκουε, καὶ τὸ μὲν ὄνομα οὐκ φέτο δεῖν ἐς τὸ φανερὸν ἐρωτᾶν, μή τιν’ ἔτι λανθάνειν βούλοιτο, ἐπανῆγε δὲ αὐτὸν πάλιν ἐς τὸν λόγον τὸν περὶ τοῦ θείου, καὶ γὰρ πρὸς διάλεξιν ἐπιτηδείως εἶχε, καὶ ως σοφῷ γε εἶπε, “τί εὔχῃ προσιὼν τοῖς βωμοῖς;” “ἔγωγε,” ἔφη, “δικαιοσύνην εἶναι, νόμους μὴ καταλύεσθαι, πένεσθαι τοὺς σοφούς, τοὺς δὲ ἄλλους πλουτεῖν μέν, ἀδόλως δέ.” “εἰτα,” εἶπε, “τοσαῦτα αἰτῶν οἵει τεύξεσθαι;” “νὴ Δῖ,” εἶπε, “ξυνείρω γὰρ τὰ πάντα ἐς εὐχὴν μίαν καὶ προσιὼν τοῖς βωμοῖς ὥδε εὔχομαι· ὡς θεοί, δοίητέ μοι τὰ ὄφειλόμενα· εἰ μὲν δὴ τῶν χρηστῶν εἴμι ἀνθρώπων, τεύξομαι πλειόνων ἡ εἰπον, εἰ δὲ ἐν τοῖς φαύλοις με οἱ θεοὶ τάττουσι, τάναντία μοι παρ’ αὐτῶν ἥξει καὶ οὐ μέμφομαι τοὺς θεούς, εἰ κακῶν ἀξιούματι μὴ χρηστὸς ᾖν.” ἔξεπέπληκτο μὲν δὴ ὁ Τελεσίνος

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garment made from no dead matter." "And what CHAP.
is your wisdom?" "An inspiration," answered Apol- XL
lonius, "which teaches men how to pray and sacrifice
to the gods." "And is there anyone, my philoso-
pher, who does not know that already?" "Many,"
said the sage, "and if there is here and there a man
who understands these matters aright, he will be
very much improved by hearing from a man wiser
than himself that, what he knows, he knows for a
certainty." When Telesinus heard this, for he was
a man fairly disposed to worship and religion, he
recognised the sage from the rumours which he had
long before heard about him; and though he did
not think he need openly ask him his name, in case
he wished to conceal his identity from anyone, he
nevertheless led him on to talk afresh about religion,
for he was himself an apt reasoner, and feeling that
he was addressing a sage, he asked: "What do you
pray for when you approach the altars?" "I," said
Apollonius, "for my part pray that justice may
prevail, that the laws may not be broken, that the
wise may continue to be poor, but that others
may be rich, as long as they are so without fraud."
"Then," said the other, "when you ask for so much,
do you think you will get it?" "Yes, by Zeus," said
Apollonius, "for I string together all my petitions in
a single prayer, and when I reach the altars this is
how I pray: O ye gods, bestow on me whatever is
due. If therefore I am of the number of worthy
men, I shall obtain more than I asked for; but if the
gods rank me among the wicked, then they will
send to me the opposite of what I ask; and I shall
not blame the gods, because for my demerit I am
judged worthy of evil." Telesinus then was greatly

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CAP. έπος τῶν λόγων τούτων, βουλόμενος δὲ αὐτῷ
^{XL} χαρίζεσθαι, "φοίτα," ἔφη, "ἐσ τὰ ἱερὰ πάντα,
καὶ γεγράψεται παρ' ἐμοῦ πρὸς τοὺς ἱερωμένους
δέχεσθαι σε καὶ διορθουμένῳ εἴκειν." "ἢν δὲ μὴ
γράψῃς," ἔφη, "οὐ δέξονται με;" "μὰ Δῖ,"
εἶπεν, "ἐμὴ γάρ," ἔφη, "αὕτη ἀρχή." "χαίρω,"
ἔφη, "ὅτι γενναῖος ὁν μεγάλου ἀρχεις, βουλοίμην
δ' ἄν σε κάκεῖνο περὶ ἐμοῦ εἰδέναι· ἐγὼ τῶν
ἱερῶν τὰ μὴ βεβαίως κλειστὰ χαίρω οἰκῶν, καὶ
παραιτεῖται με οὐδεὶς τῶν θεῶν, ἀλλὰ ποιοῦνται
κοινωνὸν στέγης ἀνείσθω δέ μοι καὶ τοῦτο, καὶ
γὰρ οἱ βάρβαροι ξυνεχώρουν αὐτό." καὶ ὁ Τελε-
σῖνος, "μέγα," ἔφη, "Ρωμαίων ἐγκώμιον οἱ
βάρβαροι προῦλαβον, τουτὶ γὰρ ἐβουλόμην ἄν
καὶ περὶ ἡμῶν λέγεσθαι." φέκει μὲν δὴ ἐν τοῖς
ἱεροῖς, ἐναλλάττων αὐτὰ καὶ μεθιστάμενος ἐξ
ἄλλου ἐς ἄλλο, αἰτίαν δὲ ἐπὶ τούτῳ ἔχων, "οὐδὲ
οἱ θεοί," ἔφη, "πάντα τὸν χρόνον ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ
οἰκοῦσιν, ἀλλὰ πορεύονται μὲν ἐς Αἰθιοπίαν,
πορεύονται δὲ ἐς "Ολυμπόν τε καὶ Ἀθω, καὶ οἷμα
ἄποπον τοὺς μὲν θεοὺς τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἔθνη
περινοστεῖν πάντα, τοὺς δὲ ἀνθρώπους μὴ τοῖς
θεοῖς ἐπιφοιτᾶν πᾶσι. καίτοι δεσπόται μὲν
ὑπερορῶντες δούλων οὕπω αἰτίαν ἔξουσιν, ἵσως
γὰρ ἄν καταφρονοῦεν αὐτῶν, ώς μὴ σπουδαίων,
δούλοι δὲ μὴ πάντως τοὺς αὐτῶν δεσπότας
θεραπεύοντες, ἀπόλοιντο ἄν ὑπ' αὐτῶν ὡς κατά-
ρατοί τε καὶ θεοῖς ἔχθρα ἀνδράποδα."

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struck by these words, and wishing to show him a CHAP.
favour, he said : " You may visit all the temples, and ^{XL} written instructions shall be sent by me to the priests who minister in them to admit you and adopt your reforms." " And supposing you did not write," said Apollonius, " would they not admit me?" " No, by Zeus," said he, " for that is my own office and prerogative." " I am glad," said Apollonius, " that so generous a man as yourself holds such a high office, but I would like you to know this much too about me : I like to live in such temples as are not too closely shut up, and none of the gods object to my presence, for they invite me to share their habitation. So let this liberty too be accorded to me, inasmuch as even the barbarians always permitted it." And Tele-sinus said : " The barbarians have more to be proud of in this matter than the Romans, for I would that as much could be said of ourselves." Apollonius accordingly lived in the temples, though he changed them and passed from one to another ; and when he was blamed for doing so, he said : " Neither do the gods live all their time in heaven, but they take journeys to Ethiopia, as also to Olympus and to Athos, and I think it a pity that the gods should go roaming around all the nations of men, and yet that men should not be allowed to visit all the gods alike. What is more, though masters would incur no reproach for neglecting slaves, for whom they probably may feel a contempt because they are not good, yet the slaves who did not devote themselves wholly to their masters, would be destroyed by them as cursed wretches and chattels hateful to the gods."

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XLI

CAP.
XLI Διαλεγομένου δὲ αὐτοῦ περὶ τὰ ἱερὰ οἱ θεοὶ
ἐθεραπεύοντο μᾶλλον, καὶ ξυνήσαν οἱ ἄνθρωποι ἐς
ταῦτα, ὡς τὰ ἀγαθὰ πλείω παρὰ τῶν θεῶν ἔξουτες,
καὶ οὕπω διεβάλλοντο αἱ ξυνουσίαι τοῦ ἀνδρὸς
διὰ τὸ σπουδάζεσθαι τε δημοσίᾳ λέγεσθαι τε ἐς
πάντας, οὐδὲ γὰρ θύραις ἐπεπόλαζεν, οὐδὲ ἐτρίβετο
περὶ τοὺς δυνατούς, ἀλλ’ ἡσπάζετο μὲν ἐπιφο-
τῶντας, διελέγετο δὲ αὐτοῖς ὅπουσα καὶ τῷ δήμῳ.

XLII

CAP.
XLII Ἐπεὶ δὲ ὁ Δημήτριος διατεθεὶς πρὸς αὐτόν, ὡς
ἐν τοῖς Κορινθιακοῖς λόγοις εἴρηκα, παραγενόμενος
ἐς τὴν Ῥώμην ὑστερον ἐθεράπευε μὲν τὸν Ἀπολ-
λώνιον, ἐπηφίει δὲ αὐτὸν τῷ Νέρωνι, τέχνη ταῦτα
ὑπωπτεύθη τοῦ ἀνδρός, καὶ τὸν Δημήτριον αὐτὸς
ἔδόκει καθεικέναι ἐς αὐτά, καὶ πολὺ μᾶλλον,
ὅπότε γυμνάσιον μὲν ἐξεποιήθη τῷ Νέρωνι θάυμα-
σιώτατον τῶν ἐκεῖ, λευκὴν δὲ ἔθυον ἐν αὐτῷ
ἡμέραν Νέρων τε αὐτὸς καὶ ἡ βουλὴ ἡ μεγάλη καὶ
τὸ ἵππευον τῆς Ῥώμης, παρελθὼν δὲ ὁ Δημήτριος
ἐς αὐτὸ τὸ γυμνάσιον διεξῆλθε λόγον κατὰ τῶν
λουμένων, ὡς ἐκλελυμένων τε καὶ αὐτοὺς χραινόν-
των, καὶ ἐδείκνυεν, ὅτι περιττὸν ἀνάλωμα εἴη τὰ

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XLI

THE result of his discourses about religion was CHAP.
that the gods were worshipped with more zeal, and XLI
that men flocked to the temples where he was, in Religious
the belief that by doing so they would obtain an revival
increase of divine blessings. And our sage's con- in Rome
versations were so far not objected to, because he held them in public and addressed himself to all men alike ; for he did not hover about rich men's doors, nor hang about the mighty, though he welcomed them if they resorted to him, and he talked with them just as much as he did to the common people.

XLII

Now Demetrius being attracted to Apollonius, as I CHAP.
have said above in my account of the events at Corinth, XLII.
brought himself subsequently to Rome, and proceeded Demetrius
to court Apollonius, at the same time that he launched assails the
out against Nero. In consequence our sage's profession public baths
was looked at askance, and he was thought to have set Demetrius
on to proceed thus, and the suspicion was increased on the occasion of Nero's completion of the most magnificent gymnasium in Rome ; for the auspicious day was being celebrated therein by Nero himself and the great Senate and all the knights of Rome, when Demetrius made his way into the gymnasium itself and delivered himself of a philippic against people who bathed, declaring that they enfeebled and polluted themselves ; and he showed that such institutions were a useless expense. He

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CAP. τοιαῦτα, ἐφ' οὶς ξυνήρατο μὲν αὐτῷ τοῦ μὴ
XLII ἀποθανεῖν αὐτίκα τὸ τὸν Νέρωνα εὐφωνότατα
έαυτοῦ κατὰ τὴν ἡμέραν ἐκείνην ἄδειν—ἥδε δὲ ἐν
καπηλείφ πεποιημένῳ ἐς τὸ γυμνάσιον διάζωμα
ἔχων γυμνός, ὥσπερ τῶν καπῆλων οἱ ἀσελγέστα-
τοι—οὐ μὴν διέφυγεν ὁ Δημήτριος τὸ ἐφ' οὶς εἰπε
κινδυνεῦσαι, Τιγελλῖνος γάρ, ὑφ' ὃ τὸ ξίφος ἦν
τοῦ Νέρωνος, ἀπῆλαυνει αὐτὸν τῆς Ῥώμης, ὡς τὸ
βαλανεῖον κατασκάψαντα οὶς εἶπε, τὸν δ' Ἀπολ-
λώνιον ἀφανῶς ἀνίχνευεν, ὅπότε καὶ αὐτὸς ἐπι-
λήψιμόν τε καὶ παραβεβλημένον εἴπαι.

XLIII

CAP. 'Ο δ' οὕτε καταγελῶν φανερὸς ἦν οὕτ' αὐ-
XLIII πεφροντικώς, ὥσπερ οἱ φυλαττόμενοί τιμα κίν-
δυνον, ἀλλ' ἀποχρώντως περὶ τῶν προκειμένων
διελέγετα, ξυμφιλασσοφοῦντας αὐτῷ τοῦ Τελεσίου
καὶ ἔτέρων ἀνδρῶν, οἱ καίτοι φιλοσοφίας ἐπικεν-
δύκως πραττούσης οὐκ ἀν φοντο κινδυνεῦσαι ξὺν
ἐκείνῳ σπουδάζοντες. ὑπωπτεύετο δέ, ὡς ἔφην,
καὶ πολὺ μᾶλλον ἐφ' οὶς καὶ περὶ τῆς διοσημίας
εἰπε· γενομένης γάρ ποτε ἐκλείψας ἥλιον καὶ
βροντῆς ἐκδοθείσης, ὅπερ ἦκιστα ἐν ἐκλείψει
δοκεῖ ξυμβαίνει, ἀναβλέψας ἐς τὰν αὔρανάν,

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was only saved from immediate death as the penalty CHAP.
XLIII of such language by the fact that Nero was in extra good voice when he sang on that day, and he sang in the tavern which adjoined the gymnasium, naked except for a girdle round his waist, like any low tapster. Demetrius, however, did not wholly escape the risk which he courted by his language ; for Tigellinus, to whom Nero had committed the power of life and death, proceeded to banish him from Rome, on the plea that he had ruined and overthrown the bath by the words he used ; and he began to dog the steps of Apollonius secretly, in the hope that he would catch him out too in some compromising utterance.

XLIII

THE latter, however, showed no disposition to CHAP.
XLIII ridicule the government, nor on the other hand did he display any of the anxiety usually felt by those Tigellinus
dogs
Apollonius who are on their guard against some danger. He merely continued to discuss in simple and adequate terms the topics laid before him ; and Telesinus and other persons continued to study philosophy in his company, for although philosophy was just then in a parlous condition, they did not dream that they would imperil themselves by associating themselves with his studies. Yet he was suspected as I have said, and the suspicion was intensified by words he uttered in connection with a prodigy. For presently when there was an eclipse of the sun and a clap of thunder was heard, a thing which very rarely occurs at the moment of an eclipse, he glanced up to heaven.

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CAP. "ἔσται τι," ἔφη, "μέγα καὶ οὐκ ἔσται." Ξυμ-
XLIII βαλεῖν μὲν δὴ τὸ εἰρημένου οὕπω εἶχον οἱ παρατυ-
χόντες τῷ λόγῳ, τρίτη δ' ἀπὸ τῆς ἐκλείψεως
ἡμέρᾳ ξυνῆκαν τοῦ λόγου πάντες· σιτουμένου
γὰρ τοῦ Νέρωνος, ἐμπεσὼν τῇ τραπέζῃ σκηπτὸς
διήλασε τῆς κύλικος ἐν χεροῦν οὔσης καὶ οὐ πολὺ¹
ἀπεχούσης τοῦ στόματος· τὸ δὴ παρὰ τοσοῦτον
ἔλθεῖν τοῦ βληθῆναι αὐτὸν πεπράξεσθαι τι εἰπε
καὶ μὴ πεπράξεσθαι. ἀκούσας δὲ Τιγελλῖνος τὸν
λόγον τοῦτον ἐს δέος ἀφίκετο τοῦ ἀνδρός, ὡς
σοφοῦ τὰ δαιμόνια, καὶ ἐσ ἐγκλήματα μὲν φανερὰ
καθίστασθαι πρὸς αὐτὸν οὐκ φέτο δεῖν, ὡς μὴ
κακόν τι ἀφανὲς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ λάθοι, διαλεγόμενον δὲ
καὶ σιωπῶντα καὶ καθήμενον καὶ βαδίζοντα καὶ ὅ
τι φάγοι καὶ παρ' ὅτῳ καὶ εἰ ἔθυσεν ή μὴ ἔθυσε,
περιήθρει πᾶσιν ὁφθαλμοῖς, ὅπόσοις ἡ ἀρχὴ²
βλέπει.

XLIV

CAP. 'Εμπεσόντος δὲ ἐν 'Ρώμῃ νοσήματος, δ κατάρ-
XLIV ρουν οἱ ἰατροὶ ὄνομάζουσιν, ἀνίστανται δὲ ἄρα ὑπ'
αὐτοῦ βῆχες καὶ ἡ φωνὴ τοῦς λαλοῦσι πονήρως
ἔχει, τὰ μὲν ἱερὰ πλέα ἦν ἵκετευόντων τοὺς θεούς,
ἐπεὶ διῳδήκει τὴν φάρυγγα Νέρων καὶ μελαίνη τῇ
φωνῇ ἔχρητο· ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος ἐρρήγνυτο μὲν
πρὸς τὴν τῶν πολλῶν ἄνοιαν, ἐπέπληττε δὲ
οὐδενί, ἀλλὰ καὶ τὸν Μένιππον παροξυνόμενον

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and said : " There shall be some great event and ^{CHAP.} XLIII there shall not be." Now at the time those who heard these words were unable to comprehend their meaning ; but on the third day after the eclipse, everyone understood what was meant ; for while Nero sat at meat a thunderbolt fell on the table, and clove asunder the cup which was in his hands and was close to his lips. And the fact that he so narrowly escaped being struck was intended by the words that a great event should happen and yet should not happen. Tigellinus when he heard this story began to dread Apollonius as one who was wise in supernatural matters ; and though he felt that he had better not prefer any open charges against him, lest he should incur at his hands some mysterious disaster, nevertheless he used all the eyes with which the government sees, to watch Apollonius, whether he was talking or holding his tongue, or sitting down or walking about, and to mark what he ate, and in whose houses, and whether he offered sacrifice or not.

XLIV

JUST then a distemper broke out in Rome, called ^{CHAP.} XLIV by the physicians influenza ; and it was attended, it seems, by coughings, and the voice of speakers was affected by it. Now the temples were full of people supplicating the gods, because Nero had a swollen throat, and his voice was hoarse. But Apollonius vehemently denounced the folly of the crowd, though without rebuking anyone in particular ; nay, he even restrained Menippus, who was irritated by such goings ^{Tigellinus arrests him}

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CAP. ὑπὸ τῶν τοιούτων ἐσωφρόνιζέ τε καὶ κατεῖχε,
XLIV ξυγγιγνώσκειν κελεύων τοῖς θεοῖς, εἰ μίμοις
γελοίων χαίρουσιν. ἀπαγγελθέντος δὲ τῷ Τιγελ-
λίνῳ τοῦ λόγου τούτου, πέμπει τοὺς ἄξοντας
αὐτὸν ἐς τὸ δικαστήριον, ὡς ἀπολογήσαιτο μὴ
ἀσεβεῖν ἐς Νέρωνα, παρεσκεύαστο δὲ καὶ κατή-
γορος ἐπ' αὐτὸν πολλοὺς ἀπολωλεκὰς ἥδη καὶ
τοιούτων Ὀλυμπιάδων μεστός, καί τι καὶ γραμμα-
τεῖον εἶχεν ἐν ταῖν χεροῖν γεγραμμένον τὸ ἔγκλημα,
καὶ τοῦτο ὕσπερ ξίφος ἀνασείων ἐπὶ τὸν ἄνδρα
ἥκοντοσθαί τε αὐτὸν ἔλεγε καὶ ἀπολεῖν αὐτόν. ἐπεὶ
δὲ ἀνελίττων Τιγελλίνος τὸ γραμματεῖον γραμμῆς
μὲν ἵχνος ἐν αὐτῷ οὐχ εὑρεν, ἀσήμῳ δέ τινι βιβλίῳ
ἐνέτυχεν, ἐς ἔννοιαν ἀπηνέχθη διάμονος. τουτὶ δὲ
καὶ Δομετιανὸς ὕστερον πρὸς αὐτὸν λέγεται
παθεῖν. ἀπολαβὼν οὖν τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον ἡμεγκεν
ἐς τὸ ἀπόρρητον δικαστήριον, ἐν φέρετ τῷ τῶν
μεγίστων ἡ ἀρχὴ αὕτη ἀφανῶς δικάζει, καὶ
μεταστησάμενος πάντας ἐνέκειτο ἐρωτῶν, ὅστις
εἴη, ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος πατρός τε ἐμέμυητο καὶ
πατρίδος καὶ ἐφ' ὅ τι τῇ σοφίᾳ χρῶτο, ἔφασκέ τε
αὐτῇ χρῆσθαι ἐπί τε τὸ θεοὺς γιγνώσκειν ἐπί τε
τὸ ἀνθρώπων ξυνιέναι, τοῦ γὰρ ἑαυτὸν γνῶναι
χαλεπώτερον εἶναι τὸ ἄλλαν γνῶναι. “τοὺς διά-
μονας,” εἶπεν, “ὦ Ἀπολλώνιε, καὶ τὰς τῶν εἰδώλων
φαντασίας πῶς ἐλέγχεις;” “ὦ γε,” ἔφη, “τοὺς
μιαιφόνους τε καὶ ἀσεβεῖς ἀνθρώπους.” ταυτὶ δὲ
πρὸς τὸν Τιγελλίνον ἀποσκάπτων ἔλεγεν, ἐπειδὴ

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on, and persuaded him to moderate his indignation, CHAP.
urging him to pardon the gods if they did show pleasure in the mimes of buffoons. This utterance was reported to Tigellinus, who immediately sent police to take him to prison, and summoned him to defend himself from the charge of impiety against Nero. And an accuser was retained against him who had already undone a great many people, and won a number of such Olympic victories. This accuser too held in his hands a scroll of paper on which the charge was written out, and he brandished it like a sword against the sage, and declared that it was so sharp that it would slay and ruin him. But when Tigellinus unrolled the scroll, and did not find upon it the trace of a single word or letter, and his eyes fell on a perfectly blank book, he came to the conclusion that he had to do with a demon; and this is said also subsequently to have been the feeling which Domitian entertained towards Apollonius. Tigellinus then took his victim apart into a secret tribunal, in which this class of magistrate tries in private the most important charges; and having ordered all to leave the court he plied him with questions, asking who he was. Apollonius gave his father's name and that of his country, and explained his motive in practising wisdom, declaring that the sole use he made of it was to gain a knowledge of the gods and an understanding of human affairs, for that the difficulty of knowing another man exceeded that of knowing oneself. "And about the demons," said Tigellinus, "and the apparitions of spectres, how, O Apollonius, do you exorcise them?" "In the same way," he answered, "as I should murderers and impious men." This was a sarcastic allusion to Tigellinus himself,

Interview
with
Tigellinus

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CAP. πάσης ὡμότητος τε καὶ ἀσελγείας διδάσκαλος ἦ
XLIV τῷ Νέρωνι. “μαντεύσαιο δ' ἄν,” ἔφη, “δεηθέντι
 μοι;” “πῶς,” εἶπεν, “ὅ γε μὴ μάντις ὁν;” “καὶ
 μὴν σέ,” ἔφη, “φασὶν εἶναι τὸν εἰπόντα ἔσεσθαι
 τι μέγα καὶ οὐκ ἔσεσθαι.” “ἀληθῶς,” εἶπεν,
 “ῆκουσας, τοῦτο δὲ μὴ μαντικῇ προστίθει, σοφίᾳ
 δὲ μᾶλλον, ἦν θεὸς φαίνει σοφοῖς ἀνδράσιν.”
 “Νέρωνα δέ,” ἔφη, “διὰ τί οὐ δέδοικας;” “ὅτι,”
 εἶπεν, “ὁ θεὸς ὁ παρέχων ἐκείνῳ φοβερῷ δοκεῖν
 κάμοι δέδωκεν ἀφόβῳ εἶναι.” “φρονεῖς δὲ πῶς,”
 εἶπε, “περὶ Νέρωνος;” ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος, “βέλτιον,”
 εἶπεν, “ἡ ὑμεῖς· ὑμεῖς γάρ ηγεῖσθε αὐτὸν ἄξιον τοῦ
 ἄδειν, ἐγὼ δὲ ἄξιον τοῦ σιωπᾶν.” ἐκπλαγεὶς οὖν
 ὁ Τιγελλῖνος, “ἄπιθι,” ἔφη, “καταστήσας ἐγγυητὰς
 τοῦ σώματος.” ὁ δὲ Απολλώνιος, “καὶ τίς,” εἶπεν,
 “ἐγγυήσεται σῶμα, διὰ μηδεὶς δήσει;” ἔδοξε τῷ
 Τιγελλίνῳ ταῦτα δαιμόνιά τε εἶναι καὶ πρόσω
 ἀνθρώπου, καὶ ὥσπερ θεομαχεῖν φυλαττόμενος,
 “χώρει,” ἔφη, “οἱ βούλει, σὺ γάρ κρείττων ἡ ὑπ’
 ἐμοῦ ἄρχεσθαι.”

XLV

CAP. Κάκεινο Ἀπολλωνίου θαῦμα· κόρη ἐν ὕρᾳ γά-
XLV μου τεθιάναι ἐδόκει, καὶ ὁ νυμφίος ἡκολούθει τῇ
 κλίνῃ βοῶν ὄπόσα ἐπ' ἀτελεῖ γάμῳ, ξυνωλοφύρετο
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for he taught and encouraged in Nero every excess CHAP.
of cruelty and wanton violence. "And," said the ^{XLIV} other, "could you prophesy, if I asked you to?" "How," said Apollonius, "can I, being no prophet?" "And yet," replied the other, "they say that it is you who predicted that some great event would come to pass and yet not come to pass." "Quite true," said Apollonius, "is what you heard; but you must not put this down to any prophetic gift, but rather to the wisdom which God reveals to wise men." "And," said the other, "why are you not afraid of Nero?" "Because," said Apollonius, "the same God who allows him to seem formidable, has also granted to me to feel no fear." "And what do you think," said the other, "about Nero?" And Apollonius answered: "Much better than you do; for you think it dignified for him to sing, but I think it dignified in him to keep silent." Tigellinus was astonished at this and said: "You may go, but you must give sureties for your person." And Apollonius answered: "And who can go surety for a body that no one can bind?" This answer struck Tigellinus as inspired and above the wit of man; and as he was careful not to fight with a god, he said: "You may go wherever you choose, for you are too powerful to be controlled by me."

XLV

HERE too is a miracle which Apollonius worked: CHAP.
A girl had died just in the hour of her marriage,
and the bridegroom was following her bier lament-
ing as was natural his marriage left unfulfilled, and the ^{XLV} He raises
a girl from
the dead

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CAP. δὲ καὶ ἡ 'Ρώμη, καὶ γὰρ ἐτύγχανεν οἰκίας ἡ κόρη
XLV τελούστης ἐς ὑπάτους. παρατυχὼν σὺν ὁ Ἀπολ-
λώνιος τῷ πάθει, "κατάθεσθε," ἔφη, "τὴν κλίνην,
ἔγὼ γὰρ ὑμᾶς τῶν ἐπὶ τῇ κόρῃ δακρύων παύσω."
καὶ ἄμα ἥρετο, ὃ τι διομα αὐτῇ εἴη. οἱ μὲν δὴ πολ-
λοὶ φοντο λόγον ἀγορεύσειν αὐτόν, οἱ δὲ τῶν λόγων
οἱ ἐπικήδειοί τε καὶ τὰς ὀλοφύρσεις ἐγείροντες, ὃ δὲ
οὐδὲν ἄλλ' ἡ προσαψύμενος αὐτῆς καὶ τι ἀφανῶς
ἐπειπών, ἀφύπνισε τὴν κόρην τοῦ δοκοῦντος θανά-
του, καὶ φωνήν τε ἡ πᾶς ἀφῆκεν, ἐπανῆλθέ τε ἐς
τὴν οἰκίαν τοῦ πατρός, ὥσπερ ἡ Ἀλκηστίς ὑπὸ^{τοῦ} Ἡρακλέους ἀναβιθεῖσα. δωρουμένων δὲ
αὐτῷ τῶν ἔντυχεν τῆς κόρης μυριάδας δεκαπέντε
φερνὴν ἔφη ἐπιδιδόναι αὐτὰς τῇ παιδί. καὶ εἴτε
σπινθῆρα τῆς ψυχῆς εὑρεν ἐν αὐτῇ, δις ἐλελήθει
τοὺς φεραπεύοντας—λέγεται γάρ, ὡς ψεκάζοι μὲν
ὁ Ζεύς, ἡ δὲ ἀτμίζοι ἀπὸ τοῦ πρωσώπου—εἴτ'
ἀπεσβηκούσαν τὴν ψυχὴν ἀνέθαλψέ τε καὶ ἀνέλα-
βεν; ἄρρητος ἡ κατάληψις τούτου γέγονεν σύκ
έμοὶ μόνῳ, ἀλλὰ καὶ τοῖς παρατυχοῦσιν.

XLVI

'Ετύγχανε δὲ περὶ τὸν χρόνον τοῦτον καὶ Μου-
CAP. σώνιος κατειλημμένος ἐν τοῖς δεσμωτηρίοις τοῦ
XLVI Νέρωνος, ὃν φασι τελεώτατα ἀνθρώπων φιλοσοφῆ-
σαι, καὶ φανερῶς μὲν οὐ διελέγοντο ἀλλήλοις,
παραιτησαμένον τοῦ Μουσωνίου τοῦτο, ὡς μὴ
ἄμφω κινδυνεύσειαν, ἐπιστολιμαίους δὲ τὰς ἔωσ-
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whole of Rome was mourning with him, for the CHAP.
maiden belonged to a consular family. Apollonius XLV
then witnessing their grief, said : "Put down the bier, for I will stay the tears that you are shedding for this maiden." And withal he asked what was her name. The crowd accordingly thought that he was about to deliver such an oration as is commonly delivered as much to grace the funeral as to stir up lamentation ; but he did nothing of the kind, but merely touching her and whispering in secret some spell over her, at once woke up the maiden from her seeming death ; and the girl spoke out loud, and returned to her father's house, just as Alcestis did when she was brought back to life by Hercules. And the relations of the maiden wanted to present him with the sum of 150,000 sesterces, but he said that he would freely present the money to the young lady by way of a dowry. Now whether he detected some spark of life in her, which those who were nursing her had not noticed,—for it is said that although it was raining at the time, a vapour went up from her face—or whether life was really extinct, and he restored it by the warmth of his touch, is a mysterious problem which neither I myself nor those who were present could decide.

XLVI

ABOUT this time Musonius lay confined in the CHAP.
dungeons of Nero, a man who they say was unsur- XLVI
passed in philosophic ability by anyone. Now they Correspondence
did not openly converse with one another, because with
Musonius
Musonius declined to do so, in order that both their lives might not be endangered ; but they carried on

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CAP. σίας ἐποιοῦντο, φοιτῶντος ἐς τὸ δεσμωτήριον τοῦ
XLVI Μενίππου καὶ τοῦ Δάμιδος. τὰς δὲ οὐχ ὑπὲρ
μεγάλων ἐπιστολὰς ἔάσαντες, τὰς ἀναγκαίας
παραθησόμεθα καξ δὲ ὑπάρχει κατιδεῖν τι μέγα.

’Απολλώνιος Μουσώνιψ φιλοσόφῳ χαίρειν.

Βούλομαι παρὰ σὲ ἀφικόμενος κοινωνῆσαι σοι
λόγου καὶ στέγης, ὡς τι ὁνήσαιμί σε· εἴ γε μὴ ἀπι-
στεῖς, ως Ἡρακλῆς ποτε Θησέα ἐξ "Αἰδου ἔλυσε,
γράφε, τί βούλει. ἔρρωσο.

Μουσώνιος ’Απολλωνίψ φιλοσόφῳ χαίρειν.

’Ων μὲν ἐνενοήθης, ἀποκείσεται σοι ἔπαινος,
ἀνὴρ δὲ ὁ ὑπομείνας ἀπολογίαν καὶ ως οὐδὲν ἀδικεῖ
δείξας ἔαυτόν. ἔρρωσο.

’Απολλώνιος Μουσώνιψ φιλοσόφῳ χαίρειν.

Σωκράτης ὁ Ἀθηναῖος ὑπὸ τῶν ἔαυτοῦ φίλων
λυθῆναι μὴ βουλῆθείς, παρῆλθε μὲν ἐς δικαστή-
ριον, ἀπέθανε δέ. ἔρρωσο.

Μουσώνιος ’Απολλωνίψ φιλοσόφῳ χαίρειν.

Σωκράτης ἀπέθανεν, ἐπεὶ μὴ παρεσκεύασεν ἐς
ἀπολογίαν ἔαυτόν, ἐγὼ δὲ ἀπολογήσομαι. ἔρρωσο.

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a correspondence through Menippus and Damis, who CHAP.
went to and fro the prison. Such of their letters as ^{XLVI}
did not handle great themes I will take no notice of,
and only set before my reader the more important
ones in which we get glimpses of lofty topics :

“Apollonius to Musonius the philosopher, greeting.

“I would fain come unto you, to share your conversation and your lodgings, in the hope of being some use to you ; unless indeed you are disinclined to believe that Hercules once released Theseus from hell; write what you would like me to do. Farewell.”

“Musonius to Apollonius the philosopher sends greeting.

“For your solicitude in my behalf, I shall never do anything but commend you : but he who has waited patiently to defend himself, and has proved that he has done no wrong is a true man. Farewell.”

“Apollonius to Musonius the philosopher sends greeting.

“Socrates of Athens, because he refused to be released by his own friends, went before the tribunal, and was put to death. Farewell.”

“Musonius to Apollonius the philosopher sends greeting.

“Socrates was put to death, because he would not take the trouble to defend himself ; but I shall defend myself. Farewell.”

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XLVII

CAP.
XLVII 'Εξελαύνοντος δὲ ἐς τὴν Ἑλλάδα τοῦ Νέρωνος,
καὶ προκηρύξαντας δημοσίᾳ μηδένα ἐμφιλοσοφεῖν
τῷ Ρώμῃ, τρέπεται ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος ἐπὶ τὰ ἑσπέρια
τῆς γῆς, ἢ φασιν ὄρίζεσθαι ταῖς Στήλαις, τὰς
ἀμπώτεις τοῦ Ὁμεανοῦ ἐποψόμενος καὶ τὰ Γάδειρα.
καὶ γάρ τι καὶ περὶ φιλοσοφίας τῶν ἐκείνη ἀνθρώ-
πων ἥκουεν, ὡς ἐς πολὺ τοῦ θείου προηκόντων,
ἥκολούθησαν δὲ αὐτῷ οἱ γνώριμοι πάντες ἐπαν-
οῦντες καὶ τὴν ἀποδημίαν καὶ τὸν ἄνδρα.

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XLVII

WHEN Nero took his departure for Greece, after issuing a proclamation that no one should teach philosophy in public at Rome, Apollonius turned his steps to the Western regions of the earth, which they say are bounded by the Pillars, because he wished to visit and behold the ebb and flow of the ocean, and the city of Gadeira. For he had heard something of the love of wisdom entertained by the inhabitants of that country, and of how great an advance they had made in religion ; and he was accompanied by all his pupils, who approved no less of the expedition than they did of the sage.

CHAP.
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Departs for
Spain

BOOK V

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I

^I ΚΑΡ. Περὶ δὲ τῶν Στηλῶν, ἃς ὅρια τῆς γῆς τὸν Ἡρακλέα φασὶ πήξασθαι, τὰ μὲν μυθώδη ἔω, τὰ δ' ἀκοῆς τε καὶ λόγου ἄξια δηλώσω μᾶλλον. Εὐρώπης καὶ Λιβύης ἄκραι σταδίων ἐξήκοντα πορθμὸν ἐπέχουσαι τὸν Ὀκεανὸν ἐς τὰ ἔσω πελάγη φέρουσι, καὶ τὴν μὲν τῆς Λιβύης ἄκραν, ὅνομα δὲ αὐτῇ "Αβιννα, λέοντες ὑπεριέμονται περὶ τὰς ὁφρῦς τῶν ὁρῶν, ἡ ἔσω ὑπερφαίνεται, ξυνάπτουσαν πρὸς Γαιτούλους καὶ Τίγγας ἄμφω θηριώδη καὶ Λιβυκὰ ἔθνη, παρατείνει δὲ ἐσπλέοντι τὸν Ὀκεανὸν μέχρι μὲν τῶν ἐκβολῶν τοῦ Σάληκος ἐννακόσια στάδια, τὸ δὲ ἐντεῦθεν οὐκ ἀν ξυμβάλοι τις ὅπόσα, μετὰ γὰρ τὸν ποταμὸν τοῦτον ἄβιος ἡ Λιβύη καὶ οὐκέτι ἀνθρωποι. τὸ δὲ τῆς Εὐρώπης ἀκρωτήριον, δικαλεῖται Κάλπις, δεξιὰ μὲν ἐπέχει τοῦ ἔσπλου, σταδίων ἐξακοσίων μῆκος, λήγει δὲ ἐς τὰ ἀρχαῖα Γάδειρα.

BOOK V

I

Now in regard to the Pillars which they say CHAP.
Hercules fixed in the ground as limits of the earth, I
shall omit mere fables, and confine myself to record-
ing what is worthy of our hearing and of our nar-
rating. The extremes of Europe and Libya border on
a strait sixty stadia wide, through which the ocean is
admitted into the inner seas. The extremity of
Libya, which bears the name Abinna, furnishes a
haunt to lions, who hunt their prey along the brows
of the mountains which are to be seen rising inland,
and it marches with the Gaetuli and Tingae, both of
them wild Libyan tribes; and it extends as you sail
into the ocean as far as the mouth of the river Salex,
some nine hundred stadia, and beyond that point a
further distance which no one can compute, because
when you have passed this river Libya is a desert
which no longer supports a population. But the
promontory of Europe, known as Calpis, stretches
along the inlet of the ocean on the right hand side a
distance of six hundred stadia, and terminates in the
ancient city of Gadeira.

Account of
the Pillars
of Hercules

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

II

CAP. Τὰς δὲ τοῦ Ὀκεανοῦ τροπὰς καὶ αὐτὸς μὲν περὶ^{II} Κελτοὺς εἶδον, ὅποιαι λέγονται, τὴν δὲ αἰτίαν ἐπὶ πολλὰ εἰκάζων, δι’ ἣν ἀπειρον οὗτω πέλαγος ἐπιχωρεῖ τε καὶ ἀνασπᾶται, δοκῶ μοι τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον ἐπεσκέφθαι τὸ δόν. ἐν μιᾷ γὰρ τῶν πρὸς Ἰνδοὺς ἐπιστολῶν τὸν Ὀκεανόν φησιν ὑφύδροις ἐλαυνόμενον πνεύμασιν ἐκ πολλῶν χασμάτων, ἢ ὑπ’ αὐτῷ τε καὶ περὶ αὐτὸν ἡ γῆ παρέχεται, χωρεῖν ἐς τὸ ἔξω καὶ ἀναχωρεῖν πάλιν, ἐπειδὴν ὥσπερ ἀσθμα ὑπονοστήσῃ τὸ πνεῦμα. πιστοῦται δὲ αὐτὸ κάκ τῶν νοσούντων περὶ Γάδειρα· τὸν γὰρ χρόνον, δν πλημμυρεῖ τὸ ὕδωρ, οὐκ ἀπολείπουσιν αἱ ψυχαὶ τοὺς ἀποθνήσκοντας, ὅπερ οὐκ ἀν ξυμβαίνειν, εἰ μὴ καὶ πνεῦμα τῇ γῇ ἐπεχώρει. ἢ δὲ περὶ τὴν σελήνην φασὶ φαίνεσθαι τικτομένην τε καὶ πληρουμένην καὶ φθίνουσαν, ταῦτα περὶ τὸν Ὀκεανὸν οἶδα, τὰ γὰρ ἐκείνης ἀνισοῖ μέτρα, ξυμμινύθων αὐτῇ καὶ ξυμπληρούμενος.

III

CAP. ‘Ημέρα δ’ ἐκδέχεται νύκτα καὶ νὺξ τὴν ἡμέραν^{III} περὶ Κελτοὺς μὲν κατ’ ὀλίγον ὑπαπιόντος τοῦ σκότους ἡ τοῦ φωτός, ὥσπερ ἐνταῦθα, περὶ Γάδειρα δὲ καὶ Στήλας ἀθρόως λέγονται τοῖς ὄφθαλμοῖς

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II

Now I myself have seen among the Celts the CHAP.
ocean tides just as they are described ; and after ^{II} making various conjectures about why so vast a Remarks
bulk of waters recedes and advances, I have come to the conclusion that Apollonius discerned the real truth. For in one of his letters to the Indians he says that the ocean is driven by submarine influences or spirits out of several chasms which the earth affords both underneath and around it; to advance outwards, and to recede again, whenever the influence or spirit, like the breath of our bodies, gives way and recedes. And this theory is confirmed by the course run by diseases in Gadeira ; for at the time of high water the souls of the dying do not quit their bodies, and this would hardly happen, he says, unless the influence or spirit I have spoken of was advancing towards the land. They also tell you of certain phenomena of the ocean in connection with the phases of the moon, according as it is born and reaches fulness and wanes. These phenomena I verified, for the ocean exactly keeps pace with the size of the moon, decreasing and increasing with her.

III

AND whereas the day succeeds the night and night CHAP.
succeeds the day in the land of the Celts by a very slow diminution of the darkness and of the light respectively, as in this country ; in the neighbourhood ^{III} Suddenness
of sunset
and dawn
in Gadeira
of Gadeira on the contrary and of the Pillars, it is said that the change bursts upon the eyes all at

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CAP. έμπιπτειν, ὥσπερ αἱ ἀστραπαί. φασὶ δὲ καὶ τὰς
III Μακάρων νήσους ὁρίζεσθαι τῷ Λιβυκῷ τέρματι
πρὸς τὸ ἀοίκητον ἀνεχούσας ἀκρωτήριον.

IV

CAP. IV Τὰ δὲ Γάδειρα κεῖται μὲν κατὰ τὸ τῆς Εὐρώπης
τέρμα, περιττοὶ δέ εἰσι τὰ θεῖα· γῆρας οὖν βωμὸν
ἴδρυνται καὶ τὸν θάνατον μόνοι ἀνθρώπων παιωνί-
ζονται, βωμοὶ δὲ ἐκεῖ καὶ πενίας καὶ τέχνης καὶ
Ἡρακλέους Αἰγυπτίου καὶ ἔτεροι τοῦ Θηβαίου·
τὸν μὲν γὰρ ἐπὶ τὴν ἐγγὺς Ἐρύθειαν ἐλάσαι φασίν,
ὅτε δὴ τὸν Γηρυόνην τε καὶ τὰς βοῦς ἐλεῖν, τὸν δὲ
σοφίᾳ δόντα γῆν ἀναμετρήσασθαι πᾶσαν ἐς τέρμα.
καὶ μὴν καὶ Ἑλληνικοὺς εἶναι φασι τὰ Γάδειρα καὶ
παιδεύεσθαι τὸν ἡμεδαπὸν τρόπον ἀσπάζεσθαι
γοῦν Ἀθηναίους Ἑλλήνων μάλιστα, καὶ Μενεσθεῖ
τῷ Ἀθηναίῳ θύειν, καὶ Θεμιστοκλέα δὲ τὸν ιαύ-
μαχον σοφίας τε καὶ ἀνδρείας ἀγασθέντες χαλκοῦν
ἴδρυνται ἔννουν καὶ ὥσπερ χρησμῷ ἐφιστάντα.

V

CAP. V 'Ιδεῖν καὶ δένδρα φασὶν ἐνταῦθα, ολα οὐχ ἐτέρωθι
τῆς γῆς, καὶ Γηρυόνεια μὲν καλεῖσθαι αὐτά, δύο
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once, like a flash of lightning. And they also say CHAP.
that the Islands of the Blessed are bounded by the ^{III}
limits of Libya and emerge towards the uninhabited
promontory.

IV

Now the city of Gadeira is situated at the extreme CHAP.
end of Europe, and its inhabitants are excessively given to religion ; so much so that they have set up

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Description of Gadeira

an altar to old age, and unlike any other race they sing hymns in honour of death ; and altars are found there set up to poverty, and to art, and to Hercules of Egypt, and there are others in honour of Hercules the Theban. For they say that the latter penetrated as far as the neighbouring city of Erythea, on which occasion he took captive Geryon and his cows ; and they say that in his devotion to wisdom he traversed the whole earth up to its limits. They say moreover Its Hellenism that there is a Hellenic culture at Gadeira, and that they educate themselves in our own fashion ; anyhow, that they are fonder of the Athenians than of any other Hellenes, and they offer sacrifice to Menestheus the Athenian, and from admiration of Themistocles the naval commander, and to honour him for his wisdom and bravery, they have set up a brazen statue of him in a lifelike attitude and, as it were, pondering an oracle.

V

THEY say also that they saw trees here such as are CHAP.
not found elsewhere upon the earth ; and that these ^V

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CAP. δὲ εἶναι, φύεσθαι δὲ τοῦ σήματος, δὲ ἐπὶ τῷ Γηρυόνη ἔστηκε, παραλλάττοντα ἐκ πίτυος τε καὶ πεύκης ἐς εἶδος ἔτερον, λείβεσθαι δὲ αἴματι, καθάπερ τῷ χρυσῷ τὴν Ἡλιάδα αἴγειρον. ἡ δὲ νῆσος, ἐν ᾧ τὸ ιερόν, ἔστι μὲν ὅπόση ὁ νεώς, πετρῶδες δὲ αὐτῆς οὐδέν, ἀλλὰ βαλβῖδι ἔεστη εἰκασται. ἐν δὲ τῷ ιερῷ τιμᾶσθαι μὲν ἄμφω τῷ Ἡρακλέῃ φασίν, ἀγάλματα δὲ αὐτοῖν οὐκ εἶναι, βωμοὺς δὲ τοῦ μὲν Αἰγυπτίου δύο χαλκοῦς καὶ ἀσήμους, ἕνα δὲ τοῦ Θηβαίου—τὰς δὲ ὕδρας τε καὶ τὰς Διομήδους ἵππους καὶ τὰ δώδεκα Ἡρακλέους ἔργα ἐκτετυπώσθαι φασι κάνταῦθα—λίθου ὄντα. ἡ Πυγμαλίωνος δὲ ἐλαία ἡ χρυσῆ, ἀνάκειται δὲ κάκείνη ἐς τὸ Ἡράκλειον, ἀξία μέν, ὡς φασι, καὶ τοῦ θαλλοῦ θαυμάζειν, φέρει καὶ εἰκασται, θαυμάζεσθαι δ' ἀν ἐπὶ τῷ καρπῷ μᾶλλον, βρύειν γὰρ αὐτὸν σμαράγδου λίθου. καὶ Τεύκρου τοῦ Τελαμωνίου ζωστῆρα χρυσοῦν φασι δείκνυσθαι, πῶς δὲ ἐς τὸν Ὀκεανὸν πλεύσαντος ἡ ἐφ' ὅ τι, οὔτε αὐτὸς ὁ Δάμις ξυνιδεῖν φησιν οὔτε ἐκείνων ἀκοῦσαι. τὰς δὲ ἐν τῷ ιερῷ στήλας χρυσοῦ μὲν πεποιῆσθαι καὶ ἀργύρου ξυντετηκότοιν ἐς ἓν χρῶμα, εἶναι δὲ αὐτὰς ὑπὲρ πῆχυν τετραγώνου τέχνης, ὥσπερ οἱ ἄκμονες, ἐπιγεγράφθαι δὲ τὰς κεφαλὰς οὔτε Αἰγυπτίοις οὔτε Ἰνδικοῖς γράμμασιν, οὔτε οἵοις ξυμβαλεῖν. ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος, ὃς οὐδὲν οἱ ιερεῖς ἔφραζον, “οὐ ξυγχωρεῖ μοι,” ἔφη, “οὐ

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were called trees of Geryon. There were two of them, and they grew upon the mound raised over Geryon : they were a cross between the pitch tree and the pine, and formed a third species ; and blood dripped from their bark, just as gold does from the Heliad poplar. Now the island on which the shrine is built is of exactly the same size as the temple, and there is not a rough stone to be found in it, for the whole of it has been given the form of a polished platform. In the shrine they say there is maintained a cult both of one and the other Hercules, though there are no images of them ; altars however there are, namely, to the Egyptian Hercules two of bronze and perfectly plain, to the Theban, one of stone ; on the latter they say are engraved in relief hydras and the mares of Diomede and the twelve labours of Hercules. And as to the golden olive of Pygmalion, it too is preserved in the temple of Hercules, and it excited their admiration by the clever way in which the branch work was imitated ; and they were still more astonished at its fruit, for this teemed with emeralds. And they say that the girdle of Teucer of Telamon was also exhibited there of gold, but how he ever sailed as far as the ocean, or why he did so, neither Damis by his own admission could understand nor ascertain from the people of the place. But he says that the pillars in the temple were made of gold and silver smelted together so as to be of one colour, and they were over a cubit high, of square form, resembling anvils ; and their capitals were inscribed with letters which were neither Egyptian nor Indian nor of any kind which he could decipher. But Apollonius, since the priests would tell him nothing, remarked : "Hercules

The trees
of Geryon

Altars of
Hercules

Girdle of
Teucer

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CAP. ^V Ἡρακλῆς ὁ Αἰγύπτιος μὴ σὺ λέγειν, ὅπόσα οἶδα·
Γῆς καὶ Ὁκεανοῦ ξύνδεσμοι αἱδεῖς αἱ στήλαι εἰσιν,
ἐπεγράψατο δὲ αὐτὰς ἐκεῖνος ἐν Μοιρῶν οἴκῳ, ώς
μήτε νεῦκος τοῖς σταυχείοις ἐγγένοιτο μήτε ἀτυμά-
σειαν τὴν φιλότητα, ήν ἀλλήλων ἴσχαισιν.”

VI

CAP. ^{VI} Φασὶ δὲ καὶ τὸν ποταμὸν ἀναπλῶσαι τὸν Βαῖ-
τιν, ὃς δηλοῖ μάλιστα τὴν τοῦ Ὁκεανοῦ φύσιν·
ἐπειδὴν γὰρ πλημμύρῃ τὸ πέλαγος, ἐπὶ τὰς πηγὰς
ὁ ποταμὸς παλίρρους ἔται, πνεύματος δήποτε ἀπω-
θουμένου αὐτὸν τῆς θαλάττης. τὴν δὲ ἡπειρον
τὴν Βαιτικήν, ἡς ὁ ποταμὸς οὗτος ὁμώνυμος,
ἀρίστην ἡπείρων φασί, πόλεών τε γὰρ εὗ ἔχειν
καὶ νομῶν, καὶ διῆχθαι τὸν ποταμὸν ἐς τὰ ἄστη
πάντα, γεωργίας τε ξυμπάστης μεστὴν είναι καὶ
ώρων, οἷαι τῆς Ἀττικῆς αἱ μετοπώριαι τε καὶ
μυστηριώτιδες.

VII

CAP. ^{VII} Διαλέξεις δὲ τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ περὶ τῶν ἐκεῖ παρα-
πεσόντων ὁ Δάμις πλείους μὲν γενέσθαι φησίν,
ἀξίας δὲ τοῦ ἀναγράψαι τάσδε· καθημένων ποτὲ
αὐτῶν ἐς τὸ Ἡράκλειον ἀναγελάσας ὁ Μένιππος,
ἀναμέμνητο δὲ ἄρα τοῦ Νέρωνος, “τί,” ἔφη, “τὸν
γενναῖον ἥγάμεθα; τίνας,” ἔφη, “ἐστεφανῶσθαι τῷ

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of Egypt does not permit me not to tell all I know. CHAP.
These pillars are ties between earth and ocean, and ^V
they were inscribed by Hercules in the house of the Unknown
Fates, to prevent any discord arising between the Inscriptions
elements, and to save their mutual affection for one
another from violation."

VI

THEY tell also of how they sailed up the river CHAP.
Baetis, which throws no little light upon the nature ^{VI}
of the ocean. For whenever it is high tide, the Description
river in its course remounts towards its sources,
because apparently a current of air drives it away
from the sea. And the mainland of Baetica, after
which this river is called, is the best by their account
of any continent; for it is well furnished with cities
and pastures, and the river in its course visits all the
towns, and it is very highly cultivated with all sorts
of crops; and it enjoys a climate similar to that of
Attica in the autumn season when the mysteries are
celebrated.

VII

THE conversations which Apollonius held about CHAP.
things which met his eyes were, according to ^{VII}
Damis, many in number, but the following he said
deserve to be recorded. On one occasion they were
sitting in the temple of Hercules and Menippus
gave a laugh, for it happened that Nero had just
come into his mind, "And what," he said, "are we
to think of this splendid fellow? In which of the

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of Nero
and the
Olympic
games

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CAP. ἀγώνων; τοὺς δὲ βελτίστους "Ἐλληνας οὐξὶν ὅλῳ
VII γέλωτι φοιτᾶν ἐς τὰς πανηγύρεις;" ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώ-
νιος, "ώς μὲν ἐγώ," ἔφη, "Τελεσίνου ἡκουον, δέδιεν
ό χρηστὸς Νέρων τὰς Ἡλείων μάστιγας παρα-
κελευομένων γὰρ αὐτῷ τῶν κολάκων νικᾶν τὰ
Ὀλύμπια καὶ ἀνακηρύττειν τὴν Ρώμην, "ἥν γε,"
ἔφη, "μὴ βασκήνωσιν Ἡλεῖοι, λέγονται γὰρ μασ-
τιγοῦν καὶ φρονεῖν ὑπὲρ ἐμέ," πολλὰ δὲ καὶ ἄλλα
ἀνοητότερα τούτων προανεφώνησεν. ἐγὼ δὲ νική-
σειν μὲν Νέρωνα ἐν Ὀλυμπίᾳ φημί, τίς γὰρ οὕτω
θρασύς, ώς ἐναντίαν θέσθαι; Ὀλύμπια δὲ οὐ
νικήσειν, ἄτε μηδὲ ἐν ὥρᾳ ἄγουσι πατρίου μὲν
γὰρ τοὺς Ὀλυμπίους τοῦ πέρυσιν ἐνιαυτοῦ ὄντος,
ἐκέλευσε τοὺς Ἡλείους Νέρων ἀναβαλέσθαι αὐτὰ
ἐς τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ἐπιδημίαν, ώς ἐκείνῳ μᾶλλον ἡ
τῷ Διὶ θύσοντας τραγῳδίαν δ' ἐπαγγεῖλαι καὶ
κιθαρῳδίαν ἀνδράσιν, οἷς μήτε θέατρόν ἐστι μήτε
σκηνὴ πρὸς τὰ τοιαῦτα, στάδιον δὲ αὐτοφυὲς καὶ
γυμνὰ πάντα, τὸν δὲ νικᾶν, ἢ χρὴ ἐγκαλύπτεσθαι,
καὶ τὴν Αὔγούστου τε καὶ Ἰουλίου σκευὴν βίγαντα
μεταμφιέννυσθαι νῦν τὴν Ἀμοιβέως καὶ Τερπνοῦ,
τί φήσεις; καὶ τὰ μὲν Κρέοντός τε καὶ Οἰδίποδος
οὕτως ἔξακριβοῦν, ώς δεδιέναι, μή πη λάθη
ἀμαρτῶν θύρας ἡ στολῆς ἡ σκήπτρου, ἑαυτοῦ

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contests has he won wreaths of late? Don't you CHAP.
think that self-respecting Hellenes must shake with ^{VII}
laughter when they are on their way to the
festivals?" And Apollonius replied: "As I have
heard from Telesinus, the worthy Nero is afraid of the
whips of the Eleans; for when his flatterers urged him
to win at Olympia and to proclaim Rome as the victor,
he answered: 'Yes, if the Eleans will only not de-
preciate me, for they are said to use whips and to look
down upon me.' And many worse bits of nonsense than
this forecast fell from his lips. I however admit that
Nero will conquer at Olympia, for who is bold enough
to enter the lists against him? But I deny that he
will win at the Olympic festival, because they are not
keeping it at the right season. For custom requires
that this should have been held last year, but Nero has
ordered the Eleans to put it off until his own visit, in
order that they may sacrifice to him rather than to
Zeus. And it is said that he has announced a tragedy
and a performance on the harp for people who have
neither a theatre nor a stage for such entertainments,
but only the stadium which nature has provided,
and races which are all run by athletes stripped
of their clothes. He however is going to take the
prize for performances which he ought to have
hidden in the dark, for he has thrown off the robes
of Augustus and Julius and has dressed himself up
in the garb of an Amoebeus and a Terpnus. What
can you say of such a record? And then he betrays
such a meticulous care in playing the part of Creon
and Oedipus, that he is afraid of falling into some
error, of coming in by the wrong door, or of wearing
the wrong dress, of using the wrong sceptre; but he
has so entirely forgotten his own dignity and that of

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CAP. δὲ καὶ Ἄρμαίων οὕτως ἐκπίπτειν, ὡς ἀντὶ τοῦ
 VII νομοθετεῖν νόμους ἄδειν καὶ ἀγείρειν ἔξω θυρῶν,
 ὃν ἔσω χρὴ καθῆσθαι τὸν βασιλέα χρηματίζοντα
 ὑπὲρ γῆς καὶ θαλάττης; εἰσίν, ὡς Μένιππε,
 τραγῳδοὶ πλείους, ἐσ οὖς Νέρων ἑαυτὸν γράφει· τέ
 ούν; εἴ τις αὐτῶν μετὰ τὸν Θεάτρου, μεστὸς οὗτω
 τοῦ προσωπείου γένοιτο, ὡς ἄρχειν μὲν ἐτέρων
 βούλεσθαι, τύραννον δὲ αὐτὸν ἥγεισθαι, τί καὶ
 φήσεις τοῦτον; ἀρ' οὐκ ἐλεβόρου δεῖσθαι καὶ
 φαρμακοποσίας, ὅπόση τοὺς νοῦς ἐκκαθαίρεις; εἰ
 δ' αὐτὸς ὁ τυραννεύων ἐσ τραγῳδοὺς καὶ τεχνίτας
 τὰ πράγματα ἑαυτοῦ ἄγοι, λεαίνων τὴν φωνὴν καὶ
 δεδιώς τὸν Ἡλείον ἢ τὸν Δελφόν, ἢ μὴ δεδιώς μέν,
 κακῶς δὲ οὕτως ὑποκρινόμενος τὴν ἑαυτοῦ τέχνην,
 ὡς μὴ μαστιγώσεσθαι νομίζειν πρὸς τούτων, ὡς
 αὐτὸς ἄρχειν τέτακται, τί τοὺς κακοθαλμονας
 ἀνθρώπους ἔρεις ὑπὸ τοιούτῳ καθάρματι ξῶντας;
 τοῖς δὲ Ἑλλησι τίνα ἥγη, ὡς Μένιππε; πότερα
 Ξέρξην καταπιμπράντα ἢ Νέρωνα ἄδοντα; εἰ
 γάρ ἐνθυμηθείης τὴν ἀγοράν, ἦν ἐσ τὰς ἐκείνου
 ωδὰς ξυμφέρουσι, καὶ ὡς ἐξωθοῦνται τῶν σίκεῶν
 καὶ ὡς οὐκ ἔξεστι σπουδαῖον οὐδὲν ἢ σκεῦντος ἢ
 ἀνδράποδον αὐτοῖς πεπάσθαι, περὶ γυναιοῖς τε καὶ
 παισὶν ὡς δεινὰ πείσονται τὰς ἐπιρρήτους ἡδονὰς
 ἐξ ἀπάσης οἰκίας ἐκλέγοντος τοῦ Νέρωνος, δίκαι
 τε ὡς πολλαὶ ἀναφύσονται, καὶ τὰς μὲν ἄλλας ἔσ,
 τὰς δὲ ἐπὶ τοῖς θεάτροις καὶ ταῖς ωδαῖς οὐκ ἡλθει
 ἀκροασθρενος Νέρωνος, ἢ παρῆσθα μέν, ῥᾳθύμως

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the Romans, that instead of carrying on the work of CHAP.
making laws, he has taken to singing, and strolls like ^{VIII}
a player outside the gates within which the Emperor
ought to take his seat on his throne, deciding the
fate of land and sea. There are, O Menippus,
several troupes in which Nero has inscribed himself
as an actor. What next? Supposing any one of these
actors quitted the theatre after playing Oenomaus or
Cresphontes, so full of his part as to want to rule
others, and imagine himself to be a tyrant, what
would you say of him? Surely you would recom-
mend a dose of hellebore and the taking of drugs of
a kind to clear the intellect? Well, here is the man
himself who wields absolute power, throwing in his
lot with actors and artists, cultivating a soft voice and
trembling before the people of Elis or of Delphi; or
if he does not tremble, yet misrepresenting his art so
thoroughly as not to anticipate he will be whipped by
the people over whom he has been set to rule. What
will you say of the unhappy people who have to live
under such a scum? And in what light do you
think the Hellenes regard him? Is it as a Xerxes
burning their houses down or as a Nero singing
songs? Think of the supplies they have to collect
for his songs, and how they are thrust out of their
houses and forbidden to own a decent bit of furniture
or slave. Think of how Nero picks out of every other
house women and children, to gratify his infamous
desires, and of the horrors they will suffer over them,
of the crop of prosecutions which will be brought, and
without dwelling upon the rest, just fix your atten-
tion upon those which will arise out of his theatrical
and singing ambitions. This is what you hear: 'You
did not come to listen to Nero,' or: 'You were

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CAP. δὲ ήκροῶ, ἐγέλας, οὐκ ἐκρότησας, οὐκ ἔθυσας ὑπὲρ
VII τῆς φωνῆς, ἵνα Πυθῶδε λαμπροτέρα ἔλθοι· πολλαὶ
σοι δόξουσι θεατῶν Ἰλιάδες περὶ τοὺς "Ἐλληνας
εἶναι. τὸ γὰρ τετμήσεσθαι τὸν Ἰσθμὸν ἡ οὐ
τετμήσεσθαι, τέμνεται δέ, ὡς φασι, νῦν, πάλαι
προῦμαθον θεοῦ φήναντος." ὑπολαβὼν οὖν ὁ
Δάμις, "ἀλλ' ἔμοιγε," ἔφη, "ὦ Ἀπολλώνιε, τὸ
περὶ τὴν τομὴν ἔργον ὑπερφωνεῖν δοκεῖ τὰ Νέρωνος
πάντα, ἡ γὰρ διάνοια ὄρᾶς, ὡς μεγάλη." "δοκεῖ
μέν," ἔφη, "κάμοί, ω Δάμι, τὸ δὲ ἀτελὲς αὐτῆς
διαβάλλει αὐτόν, ώς ἀτελῆ μὲν ᾄδοντα, ἀτελῆ δὲ
ὄρυττοντα. τά τοι Ξέρξου ἀναλεγόμενος ἐπαινῶ
τὸν ἄνδρα, οὐχ ὅτι τὸν Ἐλλήσποντον ἔξευξεν,
ἀλλ' ὅτι διέβη αὐτόν, Νέρωνα δὲ οὔτε πλευσού-
μενον διὰ τοῦ Ἰσθμοῦ ὄρῶ οὔτε ἐς τέρμα τῆς
ὄρυχῆς ἥξοντα, δοκεῖ δέ μοι καὶ φόβου μεστὸς
ἀναχωρῆσαι τῆς Ἐλλάδος, εἰ μὴ ἡ ἀλήθεια
ἀπόλωλεν."

VIII

CAP. Ἀφικομένου δέ τινος ἐς Γάδειρα μετὰ ταῦτα
VIII τῶν τοὺς ταχεῖς διαθεόντων δρόμους, καὶ κελεύοντος
εὐαγγέλιαθύειν τρισολυμπιονίκην Νέρωνα ᾄδοντας,
τὰ μὲν Γάδειρα ξυνίει τῆς νίκης καὶ ὅτι ἐν Ἀρκαδίᾳ
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present, but you listened to him without enthusiasm,' CHAP. VII
'You laughed,' or 'You did not clap your hands,' or 'You have not offered a sacrifice in behalf of his voice nor prayed that it may be more splendid than ever at the Pythian festival.' You can imagine that the Greeks will endure whole Iliads of woe at these spectacles. For I have long ago learned by the revelation of heaven that the Isthmus will be cut through or will not be cut through, and just now, they say, it is being cut." Here Damis took him up and said: "As for myself, O Apollonius, I think this scheme of cutting through the Isthmus excels all other undertakings of Nero, for you yourself see how magnificent a project it is." "I admit," he said, "that it is, O Damis; but it will go against him that he never could complete it, that just as he never finished his songs, so he never finished his digging. When I review the career of Xerxes, I am disposed to praise him not because he bridged the Hellespont, but because he got across it; but as for Nero, I perceive that he will neither sail his ships through the Isthmus, nor ever come to an end of his digging; and I believe, unless truth has wholly departed from among men, that he will retire from Hellas in a fit of panic."

VIII

At this time a swift runner arrived at Gadeira, and ordered them to offer sacrifices for the good tidings, and to sing hymns in honour of Nero who had thrice won the prize at Olympia. In the city of Gadeira indeed they understood the meaning of the victory, and that there had been some famous contest in CHAP. VIII Spanish impressions of Nero's Olympic victories

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CAP. ^{VIII} τις εἴη ἀγώνι εὐδόκιμος, ἐπειδή, ώς εἰπον, ἐς τὰ
Ελλήνων σπεύδουσιν, αἱ δὲ πόλεις αἱ πρόσοικοι
τοῖς Γαδείροις οὕτε ἐγίγνωσκον ὅ τι εἴη τὰ Ὀλύμ-
πια, οὐδὲ ὅ τι ἀγωνία ἡ ἀγών, οὐδὲ ἐφ' ὅτῳ θύουσιν,
ἀλλ' ἀπήγοντο ἐς γελοίους, δόξας πολέμου νίκην
ἡγούμενοι ταῦτα καὶ ὅτι ὁ Νέρων ἥρηκοι τινὰς
ἀνθρώπους Ὀλυμπίους οὐδὲ γάρ τραγῳδίας ποτὲ ἡ
κιθαρῳδίας θεαταὶ ἐγεγόνεσαν.

IX

CAP. ^{IX} Τοὺς γοῦν οἰκοῦντας τὰ Ἰπολα, πόλις δὲ κάκείνη
Βαιτική, φησὶν ὁ Δάμις παθεῖν τι πρὸς τραγῳδίας
ὑποκριτήν, οὐ κάμε ἄξιον ἐπιμνησθῆναι· θυουσῶν
γάρ τῶν πόλεων θαμὰ ἐπὶ ταῖς νίκαις, ἐπειδὴ καὶ
αἱ Πυθικαὶ ἥδη ἀπηγγέλλοντο, τραγῳδίας ὑπο-
κριτὴς τῶν οὐκ ἄξιουμένων ἀνταγωνίζεσθαι τῷ
Νέρωνι ἐπήει τὰς ἐσπερίους πόλεις ἀγείρων, καὶ
τῇ τέχνῃ χρώμενος ηὐδοκίμει παρὰ τοῖς ἥττον
βαρβάροις, πρῶτον μὲν δι' αὐτὸ τὸ ἥκειν παρ'
ἀνθρώπους, οἱ μήπω τραγῳδίας ἥκουσαν, εἰτ'
ἐπειδὴ τὰς Νέρωνος μελῳδίας ἀκριβοῦν ἔφασκε.
παρελθὼν δὲ ἐς τὰ Ἰπολα φοβερὸς μὲν αὐτοῖς
ἔφαίνετο καὶ διν ἐσιώπα χρόνον ἐπὶ τῆς σκηνῆς,
καὶ ὄρωντες οἱ ἄνθρωποι βαδίζοντα μὲν αὐτὸν
μέγα, κεχηνότα δὲ τοσοῦτον, ἔφεστῶτα δὲ ὀκρί-

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Arcadia ; for, as I said before, the people of Gadeira affect Hellenic civilisation. But the cities in the neighbourhood of Gadeira neither knew what the Olympic festival was, nor what a contest nor an arena meant ; nor did they understand what they were sacrificing for, but they indulged in the most ridiculous suppositions, and imagined that it was a victory in war that Nero had won and that he had taken captive some men called Olympians ; for they had never been spectators either of a tragedy or of a harp-playing performance.

VIII

IX

DAMIS indeed speaks of the singular effect which a tragic actor produced upon the minds of the inhabitants of Ipola, which is a city of Baetica, and I think the story is worthy of being reproduced by me. The cities were multiplying their sacrifices in honour of the Emperor's victories, for those at the Pythian festival were already announced, when an actor of tragedy, who was one of those that had not ventured to contend for the prize against Nero, was on a strolling tour round the cities of the west, and by his histrionic talent he had won no small fame among the less barbarous of the populations, for two reasons, firstly because he found himself among people who had never before heard a tragedy, and secondly because he pretended exactly to reproduce the melodies of Nero. But when he appeared at Ipola, they showed some fear of him before he ever opened his lips upon the stage, and they shrank in dismay at his appearance when they

IX

Effect of a
tragic actor
on the
people of
Ipola

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. **βασιν οὕτως ὑψηλοῖς τερατώδῃ τε τὰ περὶ αὐτὸν
IX ἐσθήματα, οὐκ ἄφοβοι ἡσαν τοῦ σχῆματος, ἐπεὶ
δὲ ἔξαρας τὴν φωνὴν γεγωνὸν ἐφθέγξατο, φυγῇ οἱ
πλεῦστοι φύχοντο, ὥσπερ ὑπὸ δαίμονος ἐμβοηθέντες.
τοιαῦτα μὲν τὰ ἥθη τῶν ταύτη βαρβάρων καὶ
οὕτως ἀρχαῖα.**

X

CAP. **Σπουδὴν δὲ ποιουμένου τοῦ τὴν Βαιτικὴν ἐπι-
X τροπεύοντος ἐσ ξυνουσίαν τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ ἐλθεῖν,
οἱ μὲν ἀηδεῖς ἔφη τὰς ξυνουσίας τὰς ἑαυτοῦ
φαίνεσθαι τοῖς μὴ φιλοσοφοῦσιν, ὁ δὲ προσέκειτο
αἰτῶν τοῦτο ἐπεὶ δὲ χρηστός τε εἶναι ἐλέγετο καὶ
διαβεβλημένος πρὸς τὸν Νέρωνος μύμους, γράφει
πρὸς αὐτὸν ἐπιστολὴν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, ἵν' ἐσ τὰ
Γάδειρα ἔλθοι, ὁ δὲ ἀφελῶν τὸν τῆς ἀρχῆς ὅγκον
ξὺν ὀλίγοις καὶ ἑαυτῷ ἐπιτηδειοτάτοις ἥλθεν.
ἀσπασάμενοι δὲ ἀλλήλους καὶ μεταστησάμενοι
τὸν παρόντας, ὅ τι μὲν διελέχθησαν, οὐδεὶς οἶδε,
τεκμαίρεται δὲ ὁ Δάμις ἐπὶ Νέρωνα ξυμβῆναι
σφᾶς. τριῶν γὰρ ἡμερῶν ἴδιᾳ σπουδάσαντες, ὁ
μὲν ἀπῆγει περιβαλῶν τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον, ὁ δέ,
“ἔρρωσο,” ἔφη, “καὶ μέμνησο τοῦ Βίνδικος.” τί
δὲ τοῦτο ἦν; ἐπὶ Νέρωνα ἐν Ἀχαΐᾳ ἤδοντα τὰ
ἔθνη τὰ ἑσπέρια λέγεται κινῆσαι Βίνδιξ, ἀνὴρ οἰος
ἐκτεμεῖν τὰς νευράς, ἀς Νέρων ἀμαθῶς ἐψαλλε,
πρὸς γὰρ τὰ στρατόπεδα, οἷς ἐπετέτακτο, λόγον
κατ' αὐτοῦ διῆλθεν, διν ἐκ πάνυ γενναίας φιλο-
σοφίας ἐπὶ τύραννον ἄν τις πνεύσειεν ἔφη γὰρ**

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saw him striding across the stage, with his mouth all CHAP.
agape, mounted on buskins extra high, and clad in
the most wonderful garments ; but when he lifted
up his voice and bellowed out loud, most of them
took to their heels, as if they had a demon yelling
at them. Such and so old-fashioned are the
manners of the barbarians of that country.

IX

X

THE governor of Baetica was very anxious to have CHAP.
a conversation with Apollonius, and though the latter said that his conversation must seem tedious to any but philosophers, the other insisted in his demand. And as he was said to be a worthy person and to detest the mimes of Nero, Apollonius wrote to him a letter asking him to come to Gadeira ; and he, divesting himself of all the pomp of authority, came with a few of his most intimate friends. They greeted one another, and no one knows what they said to one another in an interview from which they excluded the rest of the company ; but Damis hazards the opinion that they formed a plot together against Nero. For after three days spent in private conversations, the governor went away, after embracing Apollonius, while the latter said : " Farewell, and do not forget Vindex." Now what was the meaning of this ? When Nero was singing in Achaea, Vindex is said to have stirred up against him the nations of the West, and he was a man quite capable of cutting out the strings which Nero so ignorantly twanged. For he addressed a speech, inspired by the loftiest sentiments which a man can feel against a tyrant, to the troops which he

X
Interview
with the
Governor of
Baetica at
Gadeira

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS.

CAP. Νέρωνα είναι πάντα μᾶλλον ἡ κιθαρῳδὸν καὶ κιθαρῳδὸν μᾶλλον ἡ βασιλέα. προφέρειν δὲ αὐτῷ μανίαν μὲν καὶ φιλοχρηματίαν καὶ ὡμότητα καὶ ἀσέλγειαν πᾶσαν, τὸ δὲ ὡμότατον τῶν ἐκείνου μὴ προφέρειν αὐτῷ· τὴν γὰρ μητέρα ἐν δίκῃ ἀπεκτονέναι, ἐπειδὴ τοιοῦτον ἔτεκε. ταῦτ' οὖν ὡς ἔσται προγυνώσκων ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, ξυνέταπτε τῷ Βίνδικι ὅμορον ἀρχούτα, μονονουχὶ ὅπλα ὑπὲρ τῆς Ῥώμης τιθέμενος.

XI

CAP. XI Φλεγμαινόντων δὲ τῶν περὶ τὴν ἐσπέραν, τρέπονται τὸ ἐντεῦθεν ἐπὶ Λιβύην καὶ Τυρρηνούς, καὶ τὰ μὲν πεζῇ βαδίζοντες, τὰ δὲ ἐπὶ πλοίων πορευόμενοι κατίσχουσιν ἐν Σικελίᾳ, οὐ τὸ Λιλύβαιον. παραπλεύσαντες δὲ ἐπὶ Μεσσήνην τε καὶ πορθμόν, ἔνθα ὁ Τυρρηνὸς Ἀδρίᾳ ἔνυμβάλλων χαλεπὴν ἐργάζονται τὴν Χάρυβδιν, ἀκοῦσαί φασιν, ὡς Νέρων μὲν πεφεύγοι, τεθνήκοι δὲ Βίνδιξ, ἅπτοιντο δὲ τῆς ἀρχῆς οἱ μὲν ἐξ αὐτῆς Ῥώμης, οἱ δὲ ὄπόθεν τύχοι τῶν ἐθνῶν. ἐρομένων δὲ αὐτὸν τῶν ἐταίρων, οἱ προβήσοιτο ταῦτα καὶ δτον λοιπὸν ἡ ἀρχὴ ἔσοιτο, “πολλῶν,” εἶπε, “Θηβαίων.” τὴν γὰρ ἵσχύν, γέ πρὸς ὀλίγον Βιτέλιος τε καὶ Γάλβας καὶ Οθων ἐχρήσαντο, Θηβαίοις εἴκασεν, οἱ χρόνον κομιδῇ βραχὺν ἥχθησαν ἐς τὰ τῶν Ἑλλήνων πράγματα.

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commanded, and he declared in it that Nero was CHAP.
anything rather than a harpist, and a harpist rather
than a sovereign. And he taxed him with madness
and avarice and cruelty and wantonness of every
kind, though he omitted to tax him with the
cruellest of his crimes; for he said that he had quite
rightly put to death his mother, because she had
borne such a monster. Apollonius, forecasting how
all this must end, had accordingly brought into
line with Vindex the governor of a neighbouring
province, and so all but took up arms himself in
behalf of Rome.

X

XI

BUT as matters in the west were in such an inflamed CHAP.
condition Apollonius and his friends returned thence
towards Libya and the Tyrrhenian land; and, partly
on foot and partly by sea, they made their way to
Sicily, where they stopped at Lilybaeum. Then
they coasted along to Messina and to the Straits,
where the junction of the Tyrrhenian Sea with the
Adriatic gives rise to the dangers of Charybdis. Here
they say they heard that Nero had taken to flight,
though Vindex was dead; and that various claimants
were snatching at the throne, some from Rome
itself, and others from various countries. Now when
his companions asked him what would be the issue
of these events, and who would get possession, in
the end, of the throne, he answered: "Many Thebans
will have it." For he compared the pretenders,
namely, Vitellius and Galba and Otho, in view of the
short lease of power which they enjoyed, to Thebans,
for it was only during a very short time that they
held dominion over the Hellenic world.

XI

Predicts the
short reigns
of Vitellius,
Galba, and
Otho

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

XII

CAP. XII. "Οτι μὲν γὰρ τὰ τοιαῦτα δαιμονίᾳ κινήσει προ-
εγίγνωσκε, καὶ δτι τοῖς γόητα τὸν ἄνδρα ἥγου-
μένοις οὐχ ὑγιαίνει ὁ λόγος, δηλοῖ μὲν καὶ τὰ
εἰρημένα, σκεψώμεθα δὲ κάκεῖνα· οἱ γόητες,
ἥγοῦμαι δ' αὐτοὺς ἐγὼ κακοδαιμονεστάτους ἀνθ-
ρώπων, οἱ μὲν ἐς βασάνους εἰδώλων χωροῦντες, οἱ
δ' ἐς θυσίας βαρβάρους, οἱ δὲ ἐς τὸ ἐπᾶσαί τι ἡ
ἀλεῦψαι, μεταποιεῖν φασι τὰ είμαρμένα, καὶ
πολλοὶ τούτων κατηγορίαις ὑπαχθέντες τὰ
τοιαῦτα ὡμολόγησαν σοφοὶ εἶναι. ὁ δὲ εἴπετο
μὲν τοῖς ἐκ Μοιρῶν, προϋλεγε δέ, ώς ἀνάγκη
γενέσθαι αὐτά, προεγίγνωσκε δὲ οὐ γοητεύων,
ἀλλ' ἔξ ὧν οἱ θεοὶ ἔφαινον. ἵδων δὲ παρὰ τοῖς
Ινδοῖς τοὺς τρίποδας καὶ τοὺς οίνοχόους καὶ δσα
αὐτόματα ἐσφοιτᾶν εἶπον, οὕθ' ὅπως σοφίζοιντο
αὐτά, ἥρετο, οὕτ' ἐδεήθη μαθεῖν, ἀλλ' ἐπήνει μέν,
ξηλοῦν δ' οὐκ ἤξιον.

XIII

CAP. XIII. 'Αφικομένων δὲ αὐτῶν ἐς τὰς Συρακούσας γυνὴ
τῶν οὐκ ἀφανῶν τέρας ἀπεκύησεν, οίον οὕπω ἐματ-
εύθη· τρεῖς γὰρ τῷ βρέφει κεφαλαὶ ἥσαν ἔξ οἰκείας
ἐκάστη δέρης, τὰ δὲ ἐπ' αὐταῖς ἐνὸς πάντα. οἱ
μὲν δὴ παχέως ἔξηγούμενοι τὴν Σικελίαν ἔφασαν,
τρινακρία γάρ, ἀπολεῖσθαι, εἰ μὴ ὁμονόησειέ τε
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XII

THAT he was enabled to make such forecasts by some divine impulse, and that it is no sound inference to infer, as some people do, that our hero was a wizard, is clear from what I have already said. But let us consider these facts : wizards, whom for my part I reckon to be the most unfortunate of mankind, claim to alter the course of destiny, by having recourse either to the torture of lost spirits or to barbaric sacrifices, or to certain incantations or anointings ; and many of them when accused of such practices have admitted that they were adepts in such practices. But Apollonius submitted himself to the decrees of the Fates, and only foretold that things must come to pass ; and his foreknowledge was gained not by wizardry, but from what the gods revealed to him. And when among the Indians he beheld their tripods and their dumb waiters and other automata, which I described as entering the room of their own accord, he did not ask how they were contrived, nor did he ask to be informed ; he only praised them, but did not aspire to imitate them.

XII
Apollonius
no wizard
because he
foresaw
the future

XIII

Now when they reached Syracuse a woman of a leading family was brought to bed of such a monster as never any woman was delivered of before ; for her child had three heads, and each head had a neck of its own, but below them there was a single body. Of the vulgar and stupid interpretations of this prodigy, one was that it signified the impending ruin

XIII
A three-
headed
child born
in Syracuse
portends
the three
Roman
Pretenders

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. καὶ ξυμπινεύσειεν—έστασίαξον δὲ ἄρα πολλαὶ τῶν
XIII πόλεων πρὸς ἑαυτάς τε καὶ πρὸς ἀλλήλας καὶ τὸ
ἐν κόσμῳ ζῆν ἀπῆν τῆς νήσου—οἱ δὲ ἔφασαν τὸν
Τυφῶ, πολυκέφαλον δὲ εἶναι, νεώτερα ἀπειλεῖν τῇ
Σικελίᾳ, ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος, “ἴθι,” ἔφη, “ὦ Δάμι,
καὶ κάτιδε αὐτό, εἰ οὕτω ξύγκειται.” ἐξέκειτο γὰρ
δημοσίᾳ τοῖς τερατολογεῦν εἰδόσιν, ἀπαγγείλαντος
δὲ τοῦ Δάμιδος, ώς τρικέφαλον εἴη καὶ ἄρρεν,
ξυναγαγὼν τοὺς ἑταίρους, “τρεῖς,” ἔφη, “Ρωμαίων
αὐτοκράτορες, οὓς ἐγὼ πρώην Θηβαίους ἔφην,
τελειώσει δὲ οὐδεὶς τὸ ἄρχειν, ἀλλ’ οἱ μὲν ἐπ’
αὐτῆς Ρώμης, ὁ δὲ περὶ τὰ δμορα τῇ Ρώμῃ δυνη-
θέντες ἀπολοῦνται, θάττον ἀποβαλόντες τὸ προσ-
ωπεῖον ἢ οἱ τῶν τραγῳδῶν τύραννοι.” καὶ ὁ λόγος
αὐτίκα ἐς φῶς ἥλθε· Γάλβας μὲν γὰρ ἐπ’ αὐτῆς
Ρώμης ἀπέθανεν ἀψάμενος τῆς ἄρχῆς, ἀπέθανε δὲ
καὶ Βιτέλιος ὀνειροπολήσας τὸ ἄρχειν, “Οθων δὲ
περὶ τοὺς ἐσπερίους Γαλάτας ἀποθανὼν οὐδὲ
táφου λαμπροῦ ἔτυχεν, ἀλλ’ ὡσπερ ἴδιωτης
κεῖται· διέπτη δὲ ἡ τύχη ταῦτα ἐνὶ ἔτει.

XIV

CAP. Πορευθέντες δὲ ἐπὶ Κατάνης, οὐ τὸ δρος ἡ
XIV Αἴτνη, Καταναίων μὲν ἀκοῦσαι φασιν ἤγουμένων
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of Sicily,—for it has three headlands,—unless the CHAP.
inhabitants composed their feuds and could live XIII
together in peace; for as a matter of fact several
of the cities were at variance both with them-
selves and with one another, and such a thing
as orderly life was unknown in the island.
Another explanation was that Typho, a many-
headed monster, was threatening Sicily with his
violence. But Apollonius said: “Go, O Damis,
and look if the child is really made up as they say.”
For the thing was exposed to public view for the
miracle-mongers to exercise their ingenuity upon it.
When Damis reported that it was a three-headed
creature and of the male sex, Apollonius got together
his companions and said: “It signifies three emperors
of Rome, whom yesterday I called Thebans; and not
one of them shall enjoy complete dominion, but two
of them shall perish after holding sway in Rome
itself, and the third after doing so in the countries
bordering upon Rome; and they shall shuffle off
their masks more quickly than if they were tragic
actors playing the part of tyrant.” And the truth
of his statement was almost immediately revealed;
for Galba died in Rome itself, just after he grasped
the crown, and Vitellius died after only dreaming of
the crown, and Otho died in Western Galatia, and
was not even accorded a public funeral, but lies
buried like any private person. And the whole
episode was past and over within a single year.

XIV

NEXT they came to Catana, where is Mount Etna; CHAP.
and they say that they heard from the inhabitants of XIV

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. τὸν Τυφῶ δεδέσθαι ἐκεῖ καὶ πῦρ ἐξ αὐτοῦ ἀνίστασθαι, ὃ τύφει τὴν Αἴτνην, αὐτὸλ δ' ἐς πιθανωτέρους ἀφικέσθαι λόγους καὶ προσήκοντας τοῖς φιλοσοφοῦσιν. ἄρξαι δ' αὐτῶν τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον ὥδε ἐρόμενον τοὺς ἔταιρους, “ἔστι τι μυθολογία;” “νὴ Δὲ,” εἶπεν ὁ Μένιππος, “ἢν γε οἱ ποιηταὶ ἐπαινοῦσι.” “τὸν δὲ δὴ Αἰσωπον τί ἥγη;” “μυθολόγον,” εἶπε, “καὶ λογοποιὸν πάντα.” “πότεροι δὲ σοφοὶ τῶν μύθων;” “οἱ τῶν ποιητῶν,” εἶπεν, “ἐπειδὴ ώς γεγονότες ἀδονται.” “οἱ δὲ δὴ Αἰσώπον τί;” “βάτραχοι,” ἔφη, “καὶ ὄνοι καὶ λῆροι γραυσὶν οἱοι μασᾶσθαι καὶ παιδίοις.” “καὶ μήν,” ἔφη, “ἔμοι,” ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, “ἐπιτηδειότεροι πρὸς σοφίαν οἱ τοῦ Αἰσώπου φαίνονται οἱ μὲν γὰρ περὶ τοὺς ἥρωας, ὧν ποιητικὴ πᾶσα ἔχεται, καὶ διαφθείρουσι τοὺς ἀκροωμένους, ἐπειδὴ ἔρωτάς τε ἀτόπους οἱ ποιηταὶ ἐρμηνεύουσι καὶ ἀδελφῶν γάμους καὶ διαβολὰς ἐς θεοὺς καὶ βρώσεις παίδων καὶ πανουργίας ἀνελευθέρους καὶ δίκας, καὶ τὸ ώς γεγονὸς αὐτῶν ἄγει καὶ τὸν ἔρωντα καὶ τὸν ζηλοτυποῦντα καὶ τὸν ἐπιθυμοῦντα πλουστεῖν ἡ τυραννεύειν ἐφ' ἄπερ οἱ μῦθοι, Αἰσωπος δὲ ὑπὸ σοφίας πρῶτον μὲν οὐκ ἐς τὸ κοινὸν τῶν ταῦτα ἀδόντων ἐαυτὸν κατέστησεν,

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the city a story about Typho being bound on the spot and about fire rising from him, and this fire sends up the smoke¹ of Etna ; but they themselves came to more plausible conclusions and more in keeping with philosophy. And they say that Apollonius began the discussion by asking his companions : “ Is there such a thing as mythology ? ” “ Yes, by Zeus,” answered Menippus, “ and I mean by it that which furnishes poets with their themes.” “ What then do you think of Aesop ? ” “ He is a mythologist and writer of fables and no more.” “ And which set of myths show any talent ? ” “ Those of the poets,” he answered, “ because they are represented in the poems as having taken place.” “ And what then do you think of the stories of Aesop ? ” “ Frogs,” he answered, “ and donkeys and nonsense only fit to be swallowed by old women and children.” “ And yet for my own part,” said Apollonius, “ I find them more conducive to wisdom than the others. For those others, of which all poetry is so fond, and which deal with heroes, positively destroy the souls of their hearers, because the poet relates stories of outlandish passion and of incestuous marriages, and repeats calumnies against the gods, of how they ate their own children, and committed crimes of meanness, and quarrelled with one another ; and the affectation and pretence of reality leads passionate and jealous people and miserlike and ambitious persons to imitate the stories. Aesop on the other hand had in the first place the wisdom never to identify himself with those who put such stories into verse, but took a line

¹ There is a pun in the Greek between *Typhō* = Typhon and *typho* = to smoke.

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CAP. ἀλλ' ἔαυτοῦ τινα ὁδὸν ἐτράπετο, εἴτα, ὥσπερ οἱ
XIV τοῖς εὐτελεστέροις βρώμασι καλῶς ἐστιῶντες, ἀπὸ
σμικρῶν πραγμάτων διδάσκει μεγάλα, καὶ προ-
θέμενος τὸν λόγον ἐπάγει αὐτῷ τὸ πρᾶττε η μὴ
πρᾶττε, εἴτα τοῦ φιλαλήθους μᾶλλον η οἱ ποιηταὶ
ῆψατο· οἱ μὲν γὰρ βιάζονται πιθανοὺς φαίνεσθαι
τοὺς ἔαυτῶν λόγους, ὃ δὲ ἐπαγγέλλων λόγουν, ὃς
ἐστι ψευδής, πᾶς οἰδεν δτι, αὐτὸ τὸ μὴ περὶ
ἀληθινῶν ἐρεῖν ἀληθεύει. καὶ ὃ μὲν ποιητὴς
εἰπὼν τὸν ἔαυτοῦ λόγουν καταλείπει τῷ ὑγιαίνοντι
ἀκροατῇ βασανίζειν αὐτόν, εἰ ἐγένετο, ὃ δὲ εἰπὼν
μὲν ψευδῆ λόγουν, ἐπαγαγὼν δὲ νουθεσίαν, ὥσπερ
ὁ Αἴσωπος, δείκνυσιν ὡς ἐς τὸ χρήσιμον τῆς
ἀκροάσεως τῷ ψεύδει κέχρηται. χαρίεν δὲ αὐτοῦ
τὸ καὶ τὰ ἄλογα ἡδίω ἐργάζεσθαι καὶ σπουδῆς
ἄξια τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, ἐκ παίδων γὰρ τοῖς λόγοις
τούτοις ξυγγενόμενοι καὶ ὑπὸ φύτῶν ἐκμηπιωθέντες,
δόξας ἀναλαμβάνομεν περὶ ἐκάστου τῶν ζώων,
τὰ μὲν ὡς βασιλικὰ εἴη, τὰ δὲ ὡς εὔηθη,
τὰ δὲ ὡς κομψά, τὰ δὲ ὡς ἀκέραια, καὶ ὃ μὲν
ποιητὴς εἰπὼν

πολλαὶ μορφαὶ τῶν δαιμονίων¹

η τοιοῦτό τι ἐπιχορεύσας ἀπῆλθεν, ὃ δὲ Αἴσωπος
ἐπιχρησμῳδήσας τὸν ἔαυτοῦ λόγον καταλύει τὴν
ξυνουσίαν ἐς δὲ προύθετο.

¹ Eurip. *Alcestis*, last line.

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of his own ; and in the second, like those who can CHAP
dine well off the plainest dishes, he made use of XIV
humble incidents to teach great truths, and after
telling a story he adds to it the advice to do a thing or
not to do it. Then, too, he was really more attached
to truth than the poets are ; for the latter do
violence to their own stories in order to make them
probable ; but he by announcing a story which
everyone knows not to be true, told the truth by the
very fact that he did not claim to be relating real
events. And the poet, after telling his story, leaves
a healthy-minded reader cudgelling his brains to
know whether it really happened ; whereas one who,
like Aesop, tells a story which is false and does not
pretend to be anything else, merely investing it with
a good moral, shows that he has made use of the
falsehood merely for its utility to his audience. And
there is another charm about him, namely, that he
puts animals in a pleasing light and makes them
interesting to mankind. For after being brought up
from childhood with these stories, and after being as
it were nursed by them from babyhood, we acquire
certain opinions of the several animals and think of
some of them as royal animals, of others as silly, of
others as witty, of others as innocent. And whereas
the poet, after telling us that there are ‘many
forms of heavenly visitation’ or something of the
kind, dismisses his chorus and departs, Aesop adds an
oracle to his story, and dismisses his hearers just
as they reach the conclusion he wished to lead
them up to.

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XV

CAP. XV “Ἐμὲ δέ, ὡ Μένιππε, καὶ μῦθον περὶ τῆς Αἰσώπου σοφίας ἐδιδάξατο ἡ μήτηρ κομιδῇ νήπιον, ὡς εἴη μέν ποτε ποιμὴν ὁ Αἴσωπος, νέμοι δὲ πρὸς ἵερῳ Ἐρμοῦ, σοφίας δὲ ἐρώη καὶ εὔχοιτο αὐτῷ ὑπὲρ τούτου, πολλοὶ δὲ καὶ ἔτεροι ταῦτὸν αἰτοῦντες ἐπιφοιτῶν τῷ Ἐρμῇ, ὁ μὲν χρυσόν, ὁ δ’ ἄργυρον, ὁ δὲ κηρύκειον ἐλεφάντινον, ὁ δὲ τῶν οὗτω τι λαμπρῶν ἀνάπτων, ὁ δ’ Αἴσωπος ἔχοι μὲν οὗτως, ὡς μηδὲν τῶν τοιούτων ἔχειν, φείδοιτο δὲ καὶ ὡν εἶχε, γάλακτος δὲ αὐτῷ σπένδοι, ὅσον δις ἀμελχθεῖσα ἐδίδου καὶ κηρίον ἐπὶ τὸν βωμὸν φέροι, ὅσον τὴν χεῖρα ἐμπλῆσαι, ἐστιάν δ’ αὐτὸν καὶ μύρτοις φέτο καὶ παραθεὶς ἀν τῶν ρόδων ἢ τῶν ἵων κομιδῇ ὀλίγα. “τί γὰρ δεῖ, ὡ Ἐρμῇ,” ἔλεγε, “στεφάνους πλέκειν καὶ ἀμελεῖν τῶν προβάτων;” ὡς δὲ ἀφίκοντο ἐις ρήτην ἡμέραν ἐπὶ τὴν τῆς σοφίας διανομήν, ὁ μέν Ἐρμῆς ἄτε λόγιος καὶ κερδῶος, “σὺ μέν,” ἔφη, “φιλοσοφίαν ἔχε,” τῷ πλεῖστα δήπου θεν ἀναθέντι, “σὺ δὲ ἐις ρήτόρων ἥθη χώρει,” τῷ δεύτερά που χαρισαμένῳ, “σοὶ δὲ ἀστρονομεῖν χώρα, σοὶ δὲ εἰναι μουσικῷ, σοὶ δὲ ἡρώου ποιητῇ μέτρου, σοὶ δὲ ἰαμβείον.” ἐπεὶ δὲ

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XV

"AND as for myself, O Menippus, my mother CHAP.
taught me a story about the wisdom of Aesop when XV
I was a mere child, and told me that he was once a A legend of
shepherd, and was tending his flocks hard by a Aesop and
temple of Hermes, and that he was a passionate Hermes
lover of wisdom and prayed to Hermes that he
might receive it. Many other people, she said, also
resorted to the temple of Hermes asking for the same
gift, and one of them would hang on the altar gold,
another silver, another a herald's wand of ivory,
and others other rich presents of the kind. Now
Aesop, she said, was not in a position to own any of
these things; but he saved up what he had, and
poured a libation of as much milk as a sheep would
give at one milking in honour of Hermes, and
brought a honeycomb and laid it on the altar, big
enough to fill the hand, and he thought of regaling
the god with myrtle berries, or perhaps by laying
just a few roses or violets at the altar. 'For,' said
he, 'would you, O Hermes, have me weave crowns
for you and neglect my sheep?' Now when on
the appointed day they arrived for the distribution
of the gifts of wisdom, Hermes as the god of
wisdom and eloquence and also of rewards, said to
him who, as you may well suppose, had made the
biggest offering: 'Here is philosophy for you'; and
to him who had made the next handsomest present,
he said: 'Do you take your place among the orators';
and to others he said: 'You shall have the gift of
astronomy or you shall be a musician, or you shall be
an epic poet and write in heroic metre, or you shall

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CAP. καίτοι λογιώτατος ὁν, κατανάλωσεν ἄκων ἅπαντα
XV τὰ τῆς φιλοσοφίας μέρη, καὶ ἔλαθεν ἕαυτὸν
ἐκπεσὼν τοῦ Αἰσώπου, ἐνθυμεῖται τὰς "Ωρας, ὑφ'
ῶν αὐτὸς ἐν κορυφαῖς τοῦ Ὀλύμπου ἐτράφη, ὡς
ἐν σπαργάνοις ποτὲ αὐτῷ ὅντι μῦθον διελθοῦσαι
περὶ τῆς βοός, δν διελέχθη τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ ἡ βοῦς
ὑπὲρ ἕαυτῆς τε καὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐς ἔρωτα αὐτὸν τῶν
τοῦ Ἀπόλλωνος βοῶν κατέστησαν, καὶ δίδωσιν
ἐντεῦθεν τὴν μυθολογίαν τῷ Αἰσώπῳ, λοιπὴν ἐν
σοφίας οἰκῷ οὖσαν, "ἔχε," εἰπών, "ἄ πρωτα ἔμα-
θον." αἱ μὲν δὴ πολλαὶ μορφαὶ τῆς τέχνης
ἐνθένδε ἀφίκοντο τῷ Αἰσώπῳ, καὶ τοιόνδε ἀπέβη
τὸ τῆς μυθολογίας πρᾶγμα.

XVI

CAP. "Ισως δ' ἀνόητον ἔπαθον· ἐπιστρέψαι γὰρ ὑμᾶς
XVI διανοηθεὶς ἐς λόγους φυσικωτέρους τε καὶ ἀλη-
θεστέρους ὡν οἱ πολλοὶ περὶ τῆς Αἴτνης ἄδονσιν,
αὐτὸς ἐς ἔπαινον μύθων ἀπηνέχθην, οὐ μὴν ἄχαρις
ἡ ἐκβολὴ τοῦ λόγου γέγονεν· ὁ γὰρ μῦθος, δν
παραιτούμεθα, οὐ τῶν Αἰσώπου λόγων ἐστίν,
ἀλλὰ τῶν δραματικωτέρων καὶ ὡν οἱ ποιηταὶ
θρυλοῦσιν· ἐκεῖνοι μὲν γὰρ Τυφῶ τινα ἡ Ἐγκέ-
λαδον δεδέσθαι φασὶν ὑπὸ τῷ ὅρει καὶ δυσθανα-
τοῦντα ἀσθμαίνειν τὸ πῦρ τοῦτο, ἐγὼ δὲ γίγαντας

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be a writer of iambics.' Now although he was a most CHAP.
wise and accomplished god he exhausted, not XV
meaning to do so, all the various departments of wisdom, and then found that he had quite forgotten Aesop. Thereupon he remembered the Hours, by whom he himself had been nurtured on the peaks of Olympus, and bethought him of how once, when he was still in swaddling clothes, they had told him a story about the cow, which had a conversation with the man about herself and about the earth, and so set him aflame after the cows of Apollo. Accordingly he forthwith bestowed upon Aesop the art of fable called mythology, for that was all that was left in the house of wisdom, and said: 'Do you keep what was the first thing I learnt myself.' Aesop then acquired the various forms of his art from that source, and the issue was such as we see in the matter of mythology.

XVI

"PERHAPS I have done a foolish thing," went on CHAP.
Apollonius, "for it was my intention to recall you to XVI
more scientific and truer explanations than the The myth
poetical myths given by the vulgar of Etna; and I of Etna
have let myself be drawn into a eulogy of myths. However, the digression has not been without a charm of its own, for the myth which we repudiate is not one of Aesop's stories, but belongs to the class of dramatic stories which fill the mouths of our poets. For they say that a certain Typho or Enceladus lies bound under the mountain, and in his death agony breathes out this fire that we see. Now I admit that

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CAP. μὲν γεγονέναι φημί, καὶ πολλαχοῦ τῆς γῆς ἀνα-
XVI δείκνυσθαι τοιαυτὶ σώματα ῥαγέντων τῶν τάφων,
οὐ μὴν ἐς ἀγῶνα ἐλθεῖν τοῖς θεοῖς, ἀλλ’ ὑβρίσαι
μὲν τάχα ἐς τοὺς νεῶς αὐτῶν καὶ τὰ ἔδη, οὐρανῷ
δὲ ἐπιπηδῆσαι καὶ μὴ ξυγχωρεῖν τοῖς θεοῖς ἐπ’
αὐτοῦ εἶναι, μανία μὲν λέγειν, μανία δὲ οἰεσθαι.
καὶ μηδὲ ἐκεῖνος ὁ λόγος καίτοι δοκῶν εὐφημότερος
εἶναι τιμάσθω, ως Ἡφαίστῳ μέλει τοῦ χαλκεύειν
ἐν τῇ Αἴτνῃ, καὶ κτυπεῖται τις ἐνταῦθα ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ
ἄκμων, πολλὰ γὰρ καὶ ἄλλα ὅρη πολλαχοῦ τῆς
γῆς ἔμπυρα καὶ οὐκ ἀν φθάνοιμεν ἐπιφημίζοντες
αὐτοῖς γίγαντας καὶ Ἡφαίστους.

XVII

CAP. “Τίς οὖν ἡ τῶν τοιῶνδε ὄρῶν αἰτία; γῆ κρᾶσιν
XVII ἀσφάλτου καὶ θείου παρεχομένη τύφεται μὲν καὶ
παρ’ ἑαυτῆς φύσει, πῦρ δὲ οὕπω ἐκδίδωσιν, εἰ δὲ
σηραγγώδης τύχοι καὶ ὑποδράμοι αὐτὴν πνεῦμα
φρυκτὸν ἥδη αἱρει. πλεονεκτήσασα δὲ ἡ φλόξ
ῶσπερ τὸ ὕδωρ, ἀπορρεῖ τῶν ὄρῶν καὶ ἐς τὰ πεδία
ἐκχεῖται, χωρεῖ τε ἐπὶ θάλατταν πῦρ ἀθρόοι
ἐκβολὰς ποιούμενον, οἷαι τῶν ποταμῶν εἰσι. χῶροι
δέ Εὐσεβῶν, περὶ οὓς τὸ πῦρ ἐρρύη, λεγέσθω μὲ
κάνταῦθά τις, ἡγώμεθα δὲ τοῖς ὅσια πράττουσι

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giants have existed, and that gigantic bodies are CHAP.
revealed all over earth when tombs are broken XVI
open ; nevertheless I deny that they ever came into conflict with the gods ; at the most they violated their temples and statues, and to suppose that they scaled the heaven and chased away the gods therefrom,—this it is madness to relate and madness to believe. Nor can I any more respect that other story, though it is more reverent in its tone, to the effect that Hephaestus attends to his forge in Etna, and that there is there an anvil on which he smites with his hammer ; for there are many other mountains all over the earth that are on fire, and yet we should never be so rash as to assign to them giants and gods like Hephaestus.

XVII

“WHAT then is the explanation of such mountains? CHAP.
It is this : the earth by affording a mixture of XVII
asphalt and pitch, begins to smoke of its own nature, but it does not yet belch out fire ; if however it be cavernous and hollow and there be a spirit or force circulating underneath it, it at once sends up into the air as it were a torch ; this flame gathers force, and gets hold of all around, and then like water it streams off the mountains and flows out into the plains, and the mass of fire reaches the sea, forming mouths, out of which it issues, like the mouths of rivers. And as for the place of the Pious Ones, around whom the fire flowed, we will allow that such exists even here ; but at the same time let us not forget that the whole earth affords secure ground

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of volcanoes

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CAP. γῆν μὲν πᾶσαν ἀσφαλῆ χῶρον εἶναι, θάλατταν δ'
XVII εὔπορον οὐ πλέουσι μόνον, ἀλλὰ καὶ νεῦ πειρω-
μένοις." ἀεὶ γὰρ τοὺς λόγους ἀνέπαυεν ἐς τὰ χρηστὰ.
τῶν παραγγελμάτων.

XVIII

CAP. 'Εμφιλοσοφήσας δὲ τῇ Σικελίᾳ χρόνον, ὃς ἀπο-
χρῶσαν αὐτῷ σπουδὴν είχεν, ἐπὶ τὴν Ἑλλάδα
ἐκομίζετο περὶ ἀρκτούρου ἐπιτολάς. ἀλύπου δὲ
τοῦ πλοῦ γενομένου κατασχὼν ἐς Λευκάδα, "ἀπο-
βῶμεν," ἔφη, "τῆς νεώς ταύτης, οὐ γὰρ λώφον
αὐτῇ ἐς Ἀχαίαν πλεῦσαι." προσέχοντος δὲ οὐδε-
νὸς τῷ λόγῳ πλὴν τῶν γιγνωσκόντων τὸν ἄνδρα,
αὐτὸς μὲν ἐπὶ Λευκαδίας νεώς ὅμον τοῖς βουλο-
μένοις ξυμπλεῖν ἐς Λέχαιον κατέσχεν, ἡ δὲ ναῦς
ἡ Συρακουσία κατέδυν ἐσπλέουσα τὸν Κρισαῖν
κόλπον.

XIX

CAP. Μυηθεὶς δ' Ἀθήνησιν, ἐμύει δ' αὐτὸν ἱεροφά-
XIX της, δν αὐτὸς τῷ προτέρῳ ἐπεμαντεύσατο, ἐνέτυχε
καὶ Δημητρίῳ τῷ φιλοσόφῳ, μετὰ γὰρ τὸ Νέρωνος
βαλανεῖον καὶ ἀ ἐπ' αὐτῷ εἰπε, διητάτο Ἀθήνησι
ὁ Δημήτριος οὗτω γενναίως, ὡς μηδὲ τὸν χρόνον
δν Νέρων περὶ τοὺς ἀγῶνας ὕβριζεν, ἐξελθεῖν τῇ
Ἑλλάδος. ἐκεῖνος καὶ Μουσωνίῳ ἔφασκεν ἐντετυ-
χηκέναι περὶ τὸν Ἰσθμὸν δεδεμένῳ τε καὶ κεκε-
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for the doers of holiness, and that the sea is safely CHAP.
traversed not only by people in ships but even XVII
by people attempting to swim." For in this way
he continually ended up his discourses with useful
and pious exhortations.

XVIII

HE stayed in Sicily and taught philosophy there CHAP.
as long as he had sufficient interest in doing so, and XVIII
then repaired to Greece about the rising of Arcturus. A presenti-
After a pleasant sail he arrived at Leucas, where he
ment of
said : "Let us get out of this ship, for it is better
not to continue in it our voyage to Achaea." No
one took any notice of the utterance except those
who knew the sage well, but he himself together
with those who desired to make the voyage with
him embarked on a Leucadian ship, and reached the
port of Lechaeum ; meanwhile the Syracusan ship
sank as it entered the Crisaeon Gulf.

XIX

AT Athens he was initiated and by the same CHAP.
hierophant of whom he had delivered a prophecy to XIX
his predecessor ; here he met Demetrius the philo-
sopher, for after the episode of Nero's bath and of his
speech about it, Demetrius continued to live at
Athens, with such noble courage that he did not
quit Greece even during the period when Nero was
outraging Greece over the games. Demetrius said
that he had fallen in with Musonius at the Isthmus,

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CAP. λευσμένῳ ὁρύττειν, καὶ αὐτὸς μὲν ἐπευφημῆσαι
XIX τὰ εἰκότα, τὸν δὲ ἔχεσθαι τῆς σμινύης καὶ ἐρρω-
μένως τῇ γῇ ἐμβάλλειν, ἀνακύψαντα δέ, “λυπῶ
σε,” φάναι, “ὦ Δημήτριε, τὸν Ἰσθμὸν ὁρύττων τῇ
Ἐλλάδι; εἰ δὲ καὶ κιθαρῳδοῦντά με εἶδες, ὥσπερ
Νέρωνα, τί ἀν ἔπαθες;” καὶ ἔάσθω τὰ Μουσωνίου
πλείω ὅντα καὶ θαυμασιώτερα, ώς μὴ δοκοίην
θρασύνεσθαι πρὸς τὸν ἀμελῶς αὐτὰ εἰπόντα.

XX

CAP. Χειμάσας δ' ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος ἐν τοῖς Ἐλληνικοῖς
XX ιεροῖς πᾶσιν εἴχετο τῆς ἐπ' Αἰγύπτου ὄδοῦ περὶ
ἔαρ, πολλὰ μὲν ἐπιπλήξας, πολλὰ δὲ συμβον-
λεύσας ταῖς πόλεσι, πολλῶν δὲ ἐς ἔπαινον κατα-
στάς, οὐδὲ γὰρ ἐπαίνον ἀπείχετο, ὅπότε τι ὑγιῶς
πράσσοιτο, καταβὰς δὲ ἐς Πειραιᾶ ναῦς μέν τις
ῷρμει πρὸς ἴστίοις οὖσα καὶ ἐς Ἰωνίαν ἀφήσουσα,
ὅ δὲ ἐμπορος οὐ κυνεχώρει ἐμβαίνειν, ἵδιόστολον
γὰρ αὐτὴν ἄγειν. ἐρομένου δὲ τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου,
“τίς ὁ φόρτος;” “θεῶν,” ἔφη, “ἄγαλματα ἀπάγω
ἐς Ἰωνίαν, τὰ μὲν χρυσοῦ καὶ λίθου, τὰ δὲ ἐλέ-
φαντος καὶ χρυσοῦ.” “ἰδρυσόμενος ἦ τί;” “ἀπο-
δωσόμενος,” ἔφη, “τοῖς βουλομένοις ἰδρύεσθαι.”
“δέδιας οὖν, ὡς λῷστε, μὴ συλήσωμεν τὰ ἀγάλ-
ματα ἐν τῇ νηī;” “οὐ τοῦτο,” ἔφη, “δέδια, τὸ

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where he was fettered and under orders to dig ; he CHAP.
consoled him as best he could with better hopes for XIX
the future, but Musonius took his spade and stoutly
dug it into the earth, and then looking up, said : " You
are distressed, Demetrius, to see me digging through
the Isthmus for Greece ; but if you saw me playing
the harp like Nero, what would you feel then ? " But
I must pass over the fortunes of Musonius, though
they were many and remarkable, else I shall seem
impertinent like one who has carelessly repeated
them.

XX

APOLLONIUS spent the winter in various Hellenic CHAP.
temples, and towards spring he embarked on the XX
road for Egypt, after administering many rebukes Rebukes
indeed, yet giving much good counsel to the cities, the export
many of which won his approval, for he never refused
praise when anything was done in a right and
sensible way. When he descended to the Piraeus,
he found a ship riding there with its sails set, just
about to start for Ionia ; but the owner would not
allow him to embark, for he wished to go on a private
cruise. Apollonius asked him what his freight con-
sisted of. " Of gods," he replied, " whose images I
am exporting to Ionia, some made of gold and stone,
and others of ivory and gold." " And are you going to
dedicate them or what ? " " I am going to sell them,"
he replied, " to those who desire to dedicate them."
" Then you are afraid, my most excellent man, lest we
should steal your images on board ship ? " " I am
not afraid of that," he answered, " but I do not think

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CAP. δὲ πλείοσι ξυμπλεῖν αὐτὰ καὶ ὄμιλίας ἀναπίμ-
πλασθαι φαύλου διαίτης τε, ὅπόση ναυτική,
δεινὸν ἡγοῦμαι.” “καὶ μήν, ὡ βέλτιστε,” εἰπε,
“δόκεις γάρ μοί τις Ἀθηναῖος εἶναι, τὰς ναῦς,
αἷς ἐπὶ τοὺς βαρβάρους ἐχρήσασθε, καίτοι
ναυτικῆς ἀταξίας ἐμπεπλησμένας, ἐνέβαινον οἱ
θεοὶ ξὺν ὑμῖν καὶ οὐκ φῶντο ὑφ' ὑμῶν χραίνε-
σθαι, σὺ δὲ ἀμαθῶς οὕτως ἀπωθῆταις τῆς νεώς
φιλοσόφους ἄνδρας, οὓς μάλιστα οἱ θεοὶ χαίρουσι,
καὶ ταῦτα ἐμπορίαν τοὺς θεοὺς πεποιημένος;
ἡ δὲ ἀγαλματοποιία ἡ ἀρχαία οὐ τοῦτο
ἐπραττεῖν, οὐδὲ περιήσαν τὰς πόλεις ἀποδιδό-
μενοι τοὺς θεούς, ἀλλ' ἀπάγοντες μόνον τὰς
αὐτῶν χεῖρας καὶ ὅργανα λιθουργὰ καὶ ἐλεφαν-
τουργά, ὥλην τε παρατιθέμενοι ἀργόν, ἐν αὐτοῖς
τοὺς ἱεροὺς τὰς δημιουργίας ἐποιοῦντο, σὺ δὲ ὁ σπερ
τὰ Ἄρκανικά τε καὶ Σκυθικά, ἀπείη δὲ εἰπεῖν
τίνα, οὕτω τοὺς θεοὺς ἐς τοὺς λιμένας τε καὶ τὰς
ἀγορὰς ἄγων οὐδὲν οἴει ἀσεβὲς πράττειν; καὶ μὴν
καὶ σπερμολογοῦσιν ἔνιοι τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἔξαψά-
μενοί τι Δήμητρος ἡ Διονύσου ἄγαλμα, καὶ
τρέφεσθαι φασιν ὑπὸ τῶν θεῶν οὓς φέρουσι, τὸ
δ' αὐτοὺς σιτεῖσθαι τοὺς θεοὺς καὶ μηδὲ ἐμπί-
πλασθαι τούτου, δεινῆς ἐμπορίας, εἴποιμι δ' ἀν
καὶ ἀνοίας, εἰ μηδὲν ἐκ τούτου δέδοικας.” τοιαῦτα
ἐπιπλήξας ἐπὶ νεώς ἐτέρας ἐπλει.

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it proper that they should have to share the voyage CHAP.
with so many people and be defiled by such bad
company as you get on board ship." "And may I
remind you, most worthy man," answered Apollonius,
"for you appear to me to be an Athenian, that on
the ships which your countrymen employed against
the barbarians, although they were full of a disorderly
naval crowd, the gods embarked along with them,
yet had no suspicion of being polluted thereby ;
you however in your gross ignorance drive men who
are lovers of wisdom out of your ship, in whose com-
pany as in that of none others the gods delight, and
this although you are trafficking in the gods? But
the image-makers of old behaved not in this way,
nor did they go round the cities selling their gods.
All they did was to export their own hands and their
tools for working stone and ivory ; and they provided
the raw materials and plied their handicraft in the
temples themselves ; but you are leading the gods
into harbours and market places just as if they
were wares¹ of the Hyrcanians and of the Scythians
—far be it from me to name these—and do you
think you are doing no impiety? It is true that
there are babbling buffoons who hang upon their
persons images of Demeter or Dionysus, and pretend
that they are nurtured by the gods they carry ; but
as for feeding on the gods themselves as you do,
without ever being surfeited on this diet, that is a
horrible commerce and one, I should say, savouring of
unmanliness, even if you have no misgivings of your
own about the consequences." Having administered
this rebuke he took his passage on another ship.

¹ Probably temple slaves or prostitutes.

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XXI

CAP.
XXI Καταπλεύσας δὲ ἐς τὴν Χίον, καὶ μηδὲ τὸν πόδα
ἐς τὴν γῆν ἔρεισας μετεπήδησεν ἐς τὴν ναῦν τὴν
πλησίον—ἐκήρυττε δὲ ή ναῦς ἐς Ῥόδον—καὶ οἱ
έταιροι δὲ μετεπήδων οὐδὲν εἰπόντες, ἐφιλοσοφεῖτο
γὰρ αὐτοῖς μάλιστα τὸ ἐπεσθαι λέγοντί τε καὶ
πράττοντι. εὐφόρῳ δὲ περαιωθεὶς πνεύματι τάδε
ἐσπούδασεν ἐν τῇ Ῥόδῳ προσιόντα αὐτὸν τῷ τοῦ
Κολοσσοῦ ἀγάλματι ἥρετο ὁ Δάμις, τί ἡγοῦτο
ἔκείνου μεῖζον; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν “ἄνδρα φιλοσοφοῦντα
ὑγιῶς τε καὶ ἀδόλως.” ἐπεχωρίαζε τότε τῇ Ῥόδῳ
Κάνος αὐλητής, δις ἄριστα δὴ ἀνθρώπων ἐδόκει
αὐλεῖν. καλέσας οὖν αὐτόν, “τί,” ἔφη, “ὁ αὐλητὴς
ἐργάζεται;” “πᾶν,” εἶπεν, “ὅπερ ἀν ὁ ἀκροατὴς
βούληται.” “καὶ μὴν πολλοί,” ἔφη, “τῶν ἀκροω-
μένων πλουτεῖν βούλονται μᾶλλον ἢ αὐλοῦ ἀκού-
ειν πλουσίους οὖν ἀποφαίνεις, οὓς ἀν ἐπιθυ-
μοῦντας τούτου αἰσθη;” “οὐδαμῶς,” εἶπεν, “ώς
ἐβουλόμην ἄν.” “τί δέ; εὐειδεῖς ἐργάζῃ τοὺς νεοὺς
τῶν ἀκροατῶν; ἐπειδὴ καλοὶ βούλονται δοκεῖν
πάντες, περὶ οὓς νεότης ἐστίν.” “οὐδὲ τοῦτο,”
ἔφη, “καίτοι πλεῖστον ἀφροδίτης ἔχων ἐν τῷ
αὐλῷ.” “τί οὖν ἐστιν,” εἶπεν, “δὲ τὸν ἀκροατὴν
ἥγη βούλεσθαι;” “τί δὲ ἄλλο γε,” ή δέ ὁ Κάνος,

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XXI

AND when he had sailed as far as Chios, without even setting foot on the shore, he leapt across into another ship hard by, which was advertised to go to Rhodes ; and without a word his companions jumped after him, for it was an essential part of their philosophic discipline to imitate his every word and action. With a favourable wind he made the passage and held the following conversation in Rhodes. As he approached the image of the Colossus, Damis asked him, if he thought anything could be greater than that ; and he replied : "Yes, a man who loves wisdom in a sound and innocent spirit." At that time Canus was living in Rhodes, who was esteemed to be the best of all flute-players of his age. He therefore called him and said : "What is the business of a flute-player ?" "To do," replied the other, "everything which his audience wants him to." "Well, but many," replied Apollonius, "in the audience want to be rich rather than to hear a flute played ; I gather then that when you find them desiring this, namely to be rich, you turn them into rich men." "Not at all," replied the other, "though I would like to do so." "Well, then, perhaps you make the young people in your audience good-looking ? For all who are still enjoying youth wish to be handsome." "Nor that either," replied the other, "although I can play many an air of Aphrodite on my instrument." "What then is it," said Apollonius, "which you think your audience want ?" "Why, what else," replied Canus, "except that the mourner

Reaches Rhodes.
Discussion of flute-playing

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CAP.
^{XXI} “ἡ τὸς λυπούμενον μὲν κοιμίζεσθαι αὐτῷ τὴν λύπην ὑπὸ τοῦ αὐλοῦ, τὸν δὲ χαίροντα ἵλαρώτερον οἴαστον γίγνεσθαι, τὸν δὲ ἐρῶντα θερμότερον, τὸν δὲ φιλοθύτην ἐνθεώτερόν τε καὶ ὑμνώδη;” “τοῦτο οὖν,” ἔφη, “ὦ Κάνε, πότερον αὐτὸς ἐργάζεται ὁ αὐλὸς διὰ τὸ χρυσοῦ τε καὶ ὀρειχάλκου καὶ ἐλάφων κυνῆμης ξυγκεῖσθαι, οἱ δὲ καὶ ὄνων, ἡ ἐτερόν ἔστιν, ὃ ταῦτα δύναται;” “ἐτερον,” ἔφη, “ὦ Απολάωνιε ἡ γὰρ μουσικὴ καὶ οἱ τρόποι καὶ τὸ ἀναμίξ καὶ τὸ εὔμετάβολον τῆς αὐλήσεως καὶ τὰ τῶν ἀρμονιῶν ἥθη, ταῦτα τοὺς ἀκροωμένους ἀρμόττει καὶ τὰς ψυχὰς ἐργάζεται σφῶν, ὅποιας βούλονται.” “ξυνῆκα,” ἔφη, “ὦ Κάνε, ὃ τι σοι ἡ τέχνη πράττει· τὸ γὰρ ποικίλον αὐτῆς καὶ τὸ ἐς πάντας τρόπους, τοῦτο ἐξασκεῖς τε καὶ παρέχεις τοῖς παρὰ σὲ φοιτῶσιν. ἐμοὶ δὲ πρὸς τοῖς ὑπὸ σοῦ εἰρημένοις καὶ ἐτέρων δοκεῖ ὁ αὐλὸς δεῖσθαι· τῆς τε εὐπνοίας καὶ τῆς εὐστομίας καὶ τοῦ εὔχειρα εἶναι τὸν αὐλοῦντα, ἔστι δὲ εὐπνοια μέν, ἦν τορὸν καὶ λευκὸν ἡ τὸ πινεῦμα καὶ μὴ ἐπικτυπῆ ἡ φάρυγξ, τουτὶ γὰρ ἔοικε φθόγγῳ ἀμούσῳ, εὐστομίᾳ δέ, ἦν τὰ χείλη ἐνθέμενα τὴν τοῦ αὐλοῦ γλώτταν μὴ πιμπραμένου τοῦ προσώπου αὐλῆ, τὸν δὲ εὔχειρα αὐλητὴν πολλοῦ ἥγοῦμαι ἕξιον, ἦν μήτε ὁ καρπὸς ἀπαγορεύῃ ἀνακλώμενος μήτε οἱ δάκτυλοι βραδεῖς ὡσιν ἐπιπέτεσθαι τοῖς φθόγγοις, καὶ γὰρ τὸ ταχέως μεταβάλλειν ἐκ τρόπου ἐς τρόπον περὶ τοὺς εὔχειράς ἔστι μᾶλλον. εἰ δὴ ταῦτα πάντα

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may have his sorrow lulled to sleep by the flute, and CHAP.
that they that rejoice may have their cheerfulness ^{XXI} enhanced, and the lover may wax warmer in his passion, and that the lover of sacrifice may become more inspired and full of sacred song?" "This then," he said, "O Canus, would you allow to be the effect of the flute itself, because it is constructed of gold or brass and of the shin of a stag, or perhaps of the shin of a donkey, or is it something else which has these effects?" "It is something else," he replied, "O Apollonius; for the music and the airs and the blending of strains and the easy variations of the flute and the characters of the harmonies, it is all this that composes the souls of listeners and brings them to such a state of contentment as they want." "I understand," he replied, "O Canus, what it is that your art performs; for you cultivate and exhibit to those who come to hear you the changefulness of your music and the variety of its modes. But as for myself, I think that your flute wants other resources in addition to those you have mentioned, namely plenty of breath, and a right use of the lips, and manual skill on the part of the player; and facility of breath consists in its being clear and distinct, unmarred by any husky click in the throat, for that would rob the sound of its musical character. And facility with the lips consists in their taking in the reed of the flute and playing without blowing out the cheeks; and manual skill I consider very important, for the wrist must not weary from being bent, nor must the fingers be slow in fluttering over the notes, and manual skill is especially shown in the swift transition from mode to mode. If then you have

ELAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. παρέχεις, θαρρῶν αὐλει, ὡ Κάνε, μετὰ σοῦ γὰρ ἡ
XXI Εὐτέρπη ἔσται."

XXII

CAP. Ετύγχανέ τι καὶ μειράκιον νεόπλουτόν τε καὶ
XXII ἀπαίδευτον οἰκοδομούμενον οἰκίαν τινὰ ἐν τῇ Ρόδῳ,
καὶ ξυμφέρον ἐσ αὐτὴν γραφάς τε ποικίλας καὶ
λίθους ἔξ ἀπάντων ἐθνῶν. ἦρετο οὖν αὐτό, ὁπόσα
χρήματα εἴη ἐσ διδασκάλους τε καὶ παιδείαν
ἀνηλωκόσ· ὁ δέ, "οὐδὲ δραχμήν," εἶπεν. "ἐσ δὲ
τὴν οἰκίαν πόσα;" "δώδεκα," ἔφη, "τάλαντα,
προσαναλώσαιμι δ' ἀν καὶ ἔτερα τοσαῦτα." "τί
δ'," εἶπεν, "ἡ οἰκία βούλεται σοι;" "δίαιτα,"
ἔφη, "λαμπρὰ ἔσται τῷ σώματι, καὶ γὰρ δρόμοι
ἐν αὐτῇ καὶ ἄλση καὶ δλίγα ἐσ ἀγορὰν βαδιοῦμαι,
καὶ προσεροῦσί με οἱ ἐσιόντες ἥδιον, ὕσπερ ἐσ
ἰερὸν φοιτῶντες." "ζηλωτότεροι δέ," εἶπεν, "οἱ
ἄνθρωποι πότερον δι' αὐτούς εἰσιν ἢ διὰ τὰ περὶ
αὐτοὺς ὅντα;" "διὰ τὸν πλοῦτον," εἶπε, "τὰ γὰρ
χρήματα πλεῖστον ἴσχύει." "χρημάτων δ'," ἔφη,
"ῳ μειράκιον, ἀμείνων φύλαξ πότερον ὁ πεπαι-
δευμένος ἔσται ἢ ὁ ἀπαίδευτος;" ἐπεὶ δὲ ἐσιώπησε,
"δοκεῖς μοι," εἶπε, "μειράκιον, οὐ σὺ τὴν οἰκίαν,
ἄλλὰ σὲ ἡ οἰκία κεκτῆσθαι. ἐγὼ δὲ ἐσ ιερὸν
παρελθὼν πολλῷ ἀν ἥδιον ἐν αὐτῷ μικρῷ ὅντι
ἄγαλμα ἐλέφαντός τε καὶ χρυσοῦ ἰδοιμι ἢ ἐν
μεγάλῳ κεραμεοῦν τε καὶ φαῦλον."

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all these facilities, you may play with confidence, CHAP.
O Canus, for the Muse Euterpe will be with ^{XXI} you."

XXII

It happened also that a young man was building CHAP.
a house in Rhodes who was a *nouveau riche* without ^{XXII}
any education, and he collected in his house rare ^{Rebukes} rich upstart
pictures and gems from different countries. Apollonius then asked him how much money he had spent upon teachers and on education. "Not a farthing," he replied. "And how much upon your house?" "Twelve talents," he replied, "and I mean to spend as much again upon it." "And what," said the other, "is the good of your house to you?" "Why, as a residence, it is splendidly suited to my bodily needs, for there are colonnades in it and groves, and I shall seldom need to walk out into the market place, but people will come in and talk to me with all the more pleasure, just as if they were visiting a temple." "And," said Apollonius, "are men to be valued more for themselves or for their belongings?" "For their wealth," said the other, "for wealth has the most influence." "And," said Apollonius, "my good youth, which is the best able to keep his money, an educated person or an uneducated?" And as the other made no answer, he added: "My good boy, it seems to me that it is not you that own the house, but the house that owns you. As for myself I would far rather enter a temple, no matter how small, and behold in it a statue of ivory and gold, than behold one of pottery and bad workmanship in a vastly larger one."

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XXIII

CAP. ΞΗΓΟΥΜΕΝΟΥ
XXIII Νεανίαν δὲ ἵδων πίονα καὶ φρονοῦντα ἐπὶ τῷ πλεῖστα μὲν ἀνθρώπων ἐσθίειν, πλεῖστον δὲ οἶνον πίνειν, “ἀλλ’ ἡ σύ,” ἔφη, “τυγχάνεις ὅν ὁ γαστριζόμενος;” “καὶ θύω γε,” εἶπεν, “ὑπέρ τούτου.” “τί οὖν,” ἔφη, “ἀπολέλαυκας τῆς βορᾶς ταύτης;” “τὸ θαυμάζεσθαι με καὶ ἀποβλέπεσθαι· καὶ γὰρ τὸν Ἡρακλέα ἵσως ἀκούεις, ώς καὶ τὰ σιτία αὐτοῦ παραπλησίως τοῖς ἄθλοις ἥδετο.” “Ἡρακλέους,” ἔφη, “ὄντος σοῦ δὲ τίς, ὡς κάθαρμα, ἀρετή; τὸ γὰρ περίβλεπτον ἐν μόνῳ λείπεται σοι τῷ ῥαγῆναι.”

XXIV

CAP. ΑΙΓΑΙΟΥ
XXIV Τοιάδε μὲν αὐτῷ τὰ ἐν τῇ Ῥόδῳ, τα δὲ ἐν τῇ Ἀλεξανδρείᾳ, ἐπειδὴ ἐσέπλευσεν ἡ Ἀλεξανδρεία καὶ ἀπόντος μὲν αὐτοῦ ἥρα, καὶ ἐπόθουν τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον, ώς εἰς ἕνα, καὶ ἡ Αἴγυπτος δὲ ἡ ἄνω μεστοὶ θεολογίας ὅντες καὶ φοιτήσαι αὐτὸν ἐς τὰ ἥθη τὰ αὐτῶν ηὔχοντο, ἀτε γὰρ πολλῶν ἀφικινουμένων μὲν ἐνθένδε ἐς Αἴγυπτον, πολλῶν δὲ ἐπιμηγινύντων δεῦρο ἐξ Αἴγυπτου, ἥδετό τε παρ’ αὐτοῖς Ἀπολλώνιος, καὶ τὰ ὡτα ἐς αὐτὸν Αἴγυπτίοις ὄρθα ἦν προϊόντα γέ τοι ἀπὸ τῆς νεώς ἐς τὸ ἄστυ θεῷ ἵσα ἀπέβλεπον καὶ διεχώρουν τῶν στενωπῶν,

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XXIII

AND meeting a young man who was young and fat CHAP.
and who prided himself upon eating more than XXIII
anybody else, and on drinking more wine than others, Rebukes a
he remarked : "Then you, it seems, are the glutton."
glutton." "Yes, and I sacrifice to the gods out of
gratitude for the same." "And what pleasure," said
Apollonius, "do you get by gorging yourself in
this way?" "Why, everyone admires me and stares
at me ; for you have probably heard of Hercules,
how people took as much pains to celebrate what he
ate as what labours he performed." "Yes, for he
was Hercules," said Apollonius ; "but as for yourself,
you scum, what good points are there about you ?
There is nothing left for you but to burst, if you
want to be stared at."

XXIV

SUCH were his experiences in Rhodes, and others CHAP.
ensued in Alexandria, so soon as his voyage ended XXIV
there. Even before he arrived Alexandria was in His
love with him, and its inhabitants longed to see reception in
Apollonius as one friend longs for another ; and Alexandria
as the people of Upper Egypt are intensely religious
they too prayed him to visit their several societies. For
owing to the fact that so many come hither and mix
with us from Egypt, while an equal number pass
hence to visit Egypt, Apollonius, was already cele-
brated among them and the ears of the Egyptians
were literally pricked up to hear him. It is no
exaggeration to say that, as he advanced from the

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CAP.
XXIV ὥσπερ τοῖς φέρουσι τὰ ιερά. παραπεμπομένου δὲ αὐτοῦ μᾶλλον ἢ οἱ τῶν ἐθνῶν ἡγεμόνες, ἄνδρες ἥγοντο τὴν ἐπὶ θανάτῳ δώδεκα ληστὰ τὴν αἰτίαν, ὁ δὲ ἐς αὐτοὺς ἴδων, “οὐ πάντες,” εἶπεν, “ὅ δεῖνα γὰρ καταψευσθεὶς ἄπεισι.” καὶ πρὸς τοὺς δημίους, ὑφ' ᾧν ἥγοντο, “ὑφεῖναι,” ἔφη, “κελεύω τοῦ δρόμου καὶ σχολαιότερον ἥκειν ἐπὶ τὸ δρυγμα, ὕστατόν τε ἀποκτεῖναι τοῦτον, μετέχει γὰρ οὐδὲν τῆς αἰτιάσεως, ἀλλ' ὑμεῖς γε δσι' ἀν πράττοιτε φειδόμενοι τούτων βραχὺ μέρος ἡμέρας, οὓς λῷον ἦν μηδ ἀποκτείνειν” καὶ ἅμα ἐνδιέτριβεν οἷς ἔλεγεν, οὐκ εἰωθὸς ἑαυτῷ ἀποτείνων μῆκος. τί δ' αὐτῷ ἐνόει τοῦτο, αὐτίκα ἐδείχθη ὀκτὼ γὰρ ἥδη ἀποτετμημένων τὰς κεφαλὰς ἵππεὺς ἐλαύνων ἐπὶ τὸ δρυγμα, “Φαρίωνος,” ἐβύα, “φείσασθε,” μὴ γὰρ εἶναι ληστὴν αὐτόν, ἀλλ' ἑαυτοῦ μὲν κατεψεῦσθαι δέει τοῦ στρεβλώσεσθαι, βασανισθέντων δὲ ἐτέρων χρηστὸν ὡμολογῆσθαι ἄνδρα. ἐώ τὸ πήδημα τῆς Αἰγύπτου καὶ ὅσον ἐπὶ τούτῳ ἐκρότησαν καὶ ἄλλως θαυμαστικοὶ ὅντες.

XXV

CAP.
XXV Ἀνελθόντι δὲ αὐτῷ ἐς τὸ ιερὸν ὁ μὲν κόσμος ὁ περὶ αὐτὸ καὶ ὁ ἐφ' ἐκάστῳ λόγος θεῖός τε ἐφαί-
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ship into the city, they gazed upon him as if he was CHAP.
a god, and made way for him in the allies, as they
would for priests carrying the sacraments. As he
was being thus escorted with more pomp than if he
had been a governor of the country, he met twelve Predicts the
men who were being led to execution on the charge
of being bandits ; he looked at them and said : "They
are not all guilty, for this one," and he gave his
name, "has been falsely accused or he would not be
going with you." And to the executioners by whom
they were being led, he said : " I order you to relax
your pace and bring them to the ditch a little more
leisurely, and to put this one to death last of all, for
he is guiltless of the charge ; but you would anyhow
act with more piety, if you spared them for a brief
portion of the day, since it were better not to slay
them at all." And withal he dwelt upon this theme
at what was for him unusual length. And the reason
for his doing so was immediately shown ; for when
eight of them had had their heads cut off, a man on
horseback rode up to the ditch, and shouted : " Spare
Pharion ; for," he added, " he is no robber, but
he gave false evidence against himself from fear of
being racked, and others of them in their examina-
tion under torture have acknowledged that he is
guiltless." I need not describe the exultation of
Egypt, nor how the people, who were anyhow ready
to admire him, applauded him for this action.

XXV

AND when he had gone up into the temple, he was CHAP.
struck by the orderliness of its arrangements, and XXV

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**CAP. οὔτο καὶ κατὰ σοφίαν ἔυντεθείς, τὸ δὲ τῶν ταύρων
 XXV αἷμα καὶ οἱ χῆνες καὶ ὁπόσα ἐθύετο, οὐκ ἐπήνει
 τὰ τοιάδε, οὐδὲ ἐς δαῖτας θεῶν ἥγεν· ἐρομένου δ'
 αὐτὸν τοῦ ἱερέως, τί μαθὼν οὐχ οὕτω θύοι, "σὺ
 μὲν οὖν," εἶπεν, "ἀπόκριναι μοι μᾶλλον, τί μαθὼν
 οὕτω θύεις;" εἰπόντος δὲ τοῦ ἱερέως, "καὶ τίς
 οὕτω δεινός, ὡς διορθοῦσθαι τὰ Αἴγυπτίων;"
 "πᾶς," ἔφη, "σοφός, ἦν ἀπ' Ἰνδῶν ἥκη. καὶ βοῦν,"
 ἔφη, "ἀπαυθρακιῷ τήμερον καὶ κοινώνει τοῦ
 καπνοῦ ἡμῖν, οὐ γὰρ ἀχθέσῃ περὶ τῆς μοίρας, εἰ
 κάκείνην οἱ θεοὶ δαίσονται." τηκομένου δὲ τοῦ
 πλάσματος, "ὅρα," ἔφη, "τὰ ἱερά." "ποῖα;"
 εἶπεν ὁ Αἴγυπτος, "όρῳ γὰρ οὐδὲν ἐνθάδε." ὁ δὲ
 Ἀπολλώνιος, "οἵ δὲ Ἱαμίδαι," εἶπε, "καὶ οἱ
 Τελλιάδαι καὶ οἱ Κλυτιάδαι καὶ τὸ τῶν Μελαμ-
 ποδιδῶν μαντεῖον ἐλήρησαν, ὡς λῶστε, τοσαῦτα
 μὲν περὶ πυρὸς εἰπόντες, τοσαῦτας δὲ ἀπ' αὐτοῦ
 ἔνλλεξάμενοι φήμας; ἢ τὸ μὲν ἀπὸ τῆς πεύκης
 πῦρ καὶ τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς κέδρου μαντικὸν ἥγη καὶ
 ἵκανὸν δηλῶσαι τι, τὸ δ' ἀπὸ τοῦ πιοτάτου τε καὶ
 καθαρωτάτου δακρύου καόμενον οὐ πολλῷ αἱρετώ-
 τερον; εἰ δὲ ἐμπύρου σοφίας ἥσθα εὐξύνετος,
 εἰδεις ἀν καὶ ἐν τῷ τοῦ ἥλιου κύκλῳ πολλὰ
 δηλούμενα, ὅπότε ἀνίσχει."**

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thought the reason given for everything thoroughly religious and wisely framed. But as for the blood of bulls and the sacrifices of geese and other animals, he disapproved of them nor would he consider that they constituted repasts of the gods. And when a priest asked him what induced him not to sacrifice like the rest : " Nay, you," he replied, " should rather answer me what induces you to sacrifice in this way." The priest replied : " And who is so clever that he can make corrections in the affairs of the Egyptians ?" " Anyone," he answered, " with a little wisdom, if only he comes from India." " And," he added, " I will roast a bull to ashes this very day, and you shall hold communion with us in the smoke it makes ; for you cannot complain, if you only get the same portion which is thought enough of a repast for the gods." And as his image¹ was being melted in the fire he said : " Look at the sacrifice." " What sacrifice," said the Egyptian, " for I do not see anything there." And Apollonius said, " The Iamidae and the Telliadae and the Clytiadae and the oracle of the black-footed ones have talked a lot of nonsense, most excellent priest, when they went on at such length about fire, and pretended to gather so many oracles from it. For as to the fire from pine wood and from the cedar, do you think it is really fraught with prophecy and capable of revealing anything, and yet not esteem a fire lit from the richest and purest gum to be much preferable ? If then you had really any acquaintance with the lore of fire worship, you would see that many things are revealed in the disc of the sun at the moment of its rising."

¹ A frankincense model of a bull.

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XXVI

CAP.
XXVI Τούτοις ἐπέκοπτε τὸν Αἰγύπτιον ὡς ἀμαθῆ τῶν θείων. προσκειμένης δὲ τῆς Ἀλεξανδρείας ἵπποις καὶ ξυμφοιτώσης μὲν ἐς τὸν ἵπποδρομον ἐπὶ τῇ θέᾳ ταύτῃ, μαιφονούντων δὲ ἀλλήλους, ἐπίπληξιν ὑπὲρ τούτων ἐποιεῖτο, καὶ παρελθὼν ἐς τὸ ιερόν, “ποῖ,” ἔφη, “παρατενεῖτε ἀποθυήσκοντες οὐχ ὑπὲρ τέκνων οὐδὲ ιερῶν, ἀλλ’ ὡς χραίνοιτε μὲν τὰ ιερὰ λύθρου μεστοὶ ἐς ταῦτα ἥκοντες, φθείροισθε δὲ ἔσω τείχους; καὶ Τροίαν μέν, ὡς ἔοικεν, ἵππος εἰς διεπόρθησεν, δὸν ἐσοφίσαντο οἱ Ἀχαιοὶ τότε, ἐφ' ὑμᾶς δὲ ἄρματα ἔζευκται καὶ ἵπποι, δι' οὓς οὐκ ἔστιν ὑμῖν εὐηνίως ζῆν· ἀπόλλυσθε γοῦν οὐχ ὑπὸ Ἀτρειδῶν, οὐδ' ὑπὸ Αἰακιδῶν, ἀλλ' ὑπ' ἀλλήλων, δὸ μηδ' οἱ Τρῷες ἐν τῇ μέθῃ. κατὰ μὲν οὖν τὴν Ὄλυμπίαν, οὖν πάλης καὶ πυγμῆς καὶ τοῦ παγκρατιάζειν ἀθλα, οὐδεὶς ὑπὲρ ἀθλητῶν ἀπέθανεν, ἵσως καὶ ξυγγνώμης ὑπαρχούσης, εἴ τις ὑπερσπουδάζοι περὶ τὸ ὁμόφυλον, ὑπὲρ δὲ ἵππων ἐνταῦθα γυμνὰ μὲν ὑμῖν ἐπ' ἀλλήλους ξίφη, βολαὶ δὲ ἔποιμοι λίθων. πῦρ δὲ ἐπὶ τὴν τοιαύτην πόλιν, ἔνθα οἰμωγή τε καὶ ὕβρις

όλλαντων τε καὶ ὄλλυμένων, ῥέει δὲ αἷματι γαῖα.

αἰδέσθητε τὸν κοινὸν τῆς Αἰγύπτου κρατῆρα

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XXVI

WITH these words he rebuked and silenced the Egyptian, showing that he was ignorant of religion. But because the Alexandrians are devoted to horses, and flock into the racecourse to see the spectacle, and murder one another in their partisanship, he therefore administered a grave rebuke to them over these matters, and entering the temple, he said: "How long will you persist in meeting your deaths, not in behalf of your families or of your shrines, but because you are determined to pollute the sacred precincts by entering them reeking with gore and to slaughter one another within the walls. And Troy it seems was ravaged and destroyed by a single horse, which the Achaeans of that day had contrived; but your chariots and horses are yoked to your own despite and leave you no chance of living in submission to the reins of law. You are being destroyed therefore not by the sons of Atreus nor by the sons of Ajax, but by one another, a thing that the Trojans would not have done even when they were drunk. At Olympia, however, where there are prizes for wrestling and boxing and for the mixed athletic contests, no one is slain in behalf of the athletes, though it were quite excusable if one should show an excess of zeal in the rivalry of human beings like himself. But here I see you rushing at one another with drawn swords, and ready to hurl stones, all over a horse race. I would like to call down fire upon such a city as this, where amidst the groans and insulting shouts 'of the destroyers and the destroyed the earth runs with blood.' Can you not

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CAP. Νεῖλον. ἀλλὰ τί Νείλου μνημονεύω πρὸς
XXVI ἀνθρώπους αἴματος ἀναβάσεις διαμετροῦντας
μᾶλλον ἡ ὕδατος; ” καὶ πλείω ἐς τὴν ἐπί-
πληξιν ταύτην διελέχθη ἔτερα, ὡς διδάσκει ὁ
Δάμις.

XXVII

CAP. Οὐεσπασιανοῦ δὲ τὴν αὐτοκράτορα ἀρχὴν περι-
XXVII νοοῦντος περὶ τὰ ὄμορα τῇ Αἰγύπτῳ ἔθνη, καὶ προ-
χωροῦντος ἐπὶ τὴν Αἴγυπτον, Δίωνες μὲν καὶ Εὐ-
φράται, περὶ ὧν μικρὸν ὕστερον εἰρήσεται, χαίρειν
παρεκελεύοντο· μετὰ γὰρ τὸν πρῶτον αὐτοκράτορα,
ὑφ' οὗ τὰ Ῥωμαίων διεκοσμήθη, τυραννίδες οὕτω
χαλεπαὶ ἵσχυσαν ἐπὶ πεντήκοντα ἔτη, ὡς μηδὲ
Κλαύδιον τὰ μέσα τούτων τρισκαίδεκα ἄρξαντα
χρηστὸν δόξαι· καίτοι πεντηκοντούτης μὲν ἐς τὸ
ἄρχειν παρῆλθεν, ὅτε νοῦς μάλιστα ὑγιαίνει
ἀνθρώπων, παιδείας δὲ ἔνυμπάσης ἐδόκει ἐρᾶν· ἀλλὰ
κάκεῖνος τηλικόσδε ὧν πολλὰ μειρακιώδη ἔπαθε
καὶ μηλόβοτον γυναίοις τὴν ἀρχὴν ἀνῆκεν, ὑφ' ὧν
οὕτω ῥᾳθύμως ἀπέθανεν, ὡς καίτοι προγιγνώσκων,
ἄ ἔμελλε πείσεσθαι, μηδ' ἀ προήδει, φυλάξασθαι.
Απολλώνιος δὲ παραπλησίως μὲν Εὐφράτῃ καὶ
Δίωνι περὶ τούτων ἔχαιρε, μελέτην δ' αὐτὰ οὐκ
ἐποιεῖτο ἐς πάντας, ῥητορικωτέραν ἡγούμενος τὴν

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feel reverence for the Nile, the common mixing bowl CHAP.
of Egypt? But why mention the Nile to men whose XXVI
gauges measure a rising tide of blood rather than of
water?" And many other rebukes of the same kind
he addressed to them, as Damis informs us.

XXVII

VESPASIAN was harbouring thoughts of seizing the CHAP.
absolute power, and was at this time in the countries XXVII
bordering upon Egypt; and when he advanced as Vespaſian's
far as Egypt, people like Dion and Euphrates, of arrival at Alexandria
whom I shall have something to say lower down,
urged that a welcome should be given to him. For
the first autocrat, by whom the Roman state was
organised, was succeeded for the space of fifty
years by tyrants so harsh and cruel, that not
even Claudius, who reigned thirteen years in the
interval between them, could be regarded as a
good ruler, and that, although he was fifty years of
age when he succeeded to the throne, an age when
a man's judgment is most likely to be sane, and
though he had the reputation of being fond of
culture of all kinds; nevertheless he too in spite of
his advanced age committed many youthful follies,
and gave up the empire to be devoured, as sheep
devour a pasture, by silly women, who murdered
him, because he was so indolent that, though he
knew beforehand what was in store for him, he
would not be on his guard even against what he
foresaw. Apollonius no less than Euphrates and Dion
rejoiced in the new turn of events; but he did not
make use of them as a theme in his public utterances,

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CAP. ΤΟΙΑΝΔΕ ιδέαν τοῦ λόγου, προσιόντι δὲ τῷ αὐτοκράτορι τὰ μὲν ἱερὰ πρὸ πυλῶν ἀπήντα καὶ τὰ τῆς Αἴγυπτου τέλη καὶ οἱ νομοί, καθ' οὓς Αἴγυπτος τέτμηται, φιλόσοφοί τε ὡσαύτως καὶ σοφία πᾶσα, ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος οὐδὲν ἐπολυπραγμόνει τούτων, ἀλλὰ ἐσπούδαξεν ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ διαλεχθεὶς δὲ ὁ αὐτοκράτωρ γενναῖά τε καὶ ἥμερα, καὶ διελθὼν λόγον οὐ μακρόν, “ἐπιδημεῖ,” ἔφη, “ὁ Τυανεύς;” “ναί,” ἔφασαν, “βελτίους γε ἡμᾶς ἐργασάμενος.” “πῶς ἀν οὖν ξυγγένοιτο ἡμῖν;” ἔφη, “σφόδρα γάρ δέομαι τοῦ ἀνδρός.” “ἐντεύξεται σοι περὶ τὸ ἱερόν,” ὁ Δίων εἶπε, “πρὸς ἐμὲ γάρ δεῦρο ἥκουντα ὡμολόγει ταῦτα.” “ἴωμεν,” ἔφη ὁ βασιλεύς, “προσευξόμενοι μὲν τοῖς θεοῖς, ξυνεσόμενοι δὲ ἀνδρὶ γενναίῳ.” ἐντεῦθεν ἀνέψυ λόγος, ώς ἐνθύμιος μὲν αὐτῷ ἡ ἀρχὴ γένοιτο πολιορκοῦντι τὰ Σόλυμα, μεταπέμποιτο δὲ τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον ὑπὲρ βουλῆς τούτων, ὁ δὲ παραιτοῖτο ἥκειν ἐς γῆν, ἦν ἐμίαναν οἱ ἐν αὐτῇ οἰκοῦντες οἱς τε ἔδρασαν οἱς τε ἐπαθον· δθεν αὐτὸς ἐλθεῖν ἐς Αἴγυπτον τὴν μὲν ἀρχὴν κεκτημένος, διαλεξόμενος δὲ τῷ ἀνδρὶ ὅπόσα δηλώσω.

XXVIII

CAP. Θύσας γὰρ καὶ οὕπω χρηματίσας κατ' ἄξιαν ταῖς ξενίαις πόλεσι προσεῖπε τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον καὶ ὥσπερ

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because he considered such an argument too much in CHAP.
the style of a rhetor. When the autocrat approached XXVII
the city, the priests met him before the gates, together
with the magistrates of Egypt and the representatives
of the different provinces into which Egypt is divided.
The philosophers also were present and all their
schools. Apollonius however did not put himself
forward in this way, but remained conversing in the
temple. The autocrat delivered himself of noble
and gentle sentiments, and after making a short
speech, said: "Is the man of Tyana living here?"
"Yes," they replied, "and he has much improved us
thereby." "Can he then be induced to give us an
interview?" said the emperor, "For I am very much
in want of him." "He will meet you," said Dion,
"in the temple, for he admitted as much to me when
I was on my way here." "Let us go on," said the
king, "at once to offer our prayers to the gods, and
to meet so noble a man." This is how the story grew
up, that it was during his conduct of the siege of
Jerusalem that the idea of making himself emperor
suggested itself to him; and that he sent for
Apollonius to ask his advice on the point; but that
the latter declined to enter a country which its in-
habitants polluted both by what they did and by
what they suffered, which was the reason why Vespa-
sian came in person to Egypt, as well because he
now had possession of the throne, as in order to hold
with our sage the conversations which I shall relate.

XXVIII

FOR after he had sacrificed, and before he gave CHAP.
official audiences to the cities, he addressed himself XXVIII

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. ΞΙΧΙΙΙ εὐχόμενος αὐτῷ, “ποίησόν με,” ἔφη, “βασιλέα.” ὁ δέ, “ἐποίησα,” εἶπεν, “ἥδη γὰρ εὐξάμενος βασιλέα δίκαιον τε καὶ γενναῖον καὶ σώφρονα καὶ πολιάρκειοσμημένον καὶ πατέρα παιδῶν γνησίων, σὲ δήπου παρὰ τῶν θεῶν ἥτουν ἐγώ.” ὑπερησθεὶς δὲ τούτοις ὁ βασιλεύς, καὶ γὰρ ἐβόησε τὸ ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ πλῆθος ξυντιθέμενοι τῷ λόγῳ, “τί σοι,” ἔφη, “Νέρωνος ἀρχὴ ἐφαίνετο;” καὶ ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, “Νέρων,” εἶπε, “κιθάραν μὲν ἵσως ἥδει ἀρμόττεσθαι, τὴν δὲ ἀρχὴν ἥσχυνεν ἀνέσει καὶ ἐπιτάσει.” “ξύμμετρον οὖν,” ἔφη, “κελεύεις εἶναι τὸν ἄρχοντα;” “οὐκ ἐγώ,” εἶπε, “θεὸς δὲ τὴν ἴσοτητα μεσότητα ὄρισάμενος. ἀγαθοὶ δὲ τούτων ξύμβουλοι καὶ οἵδε οἱ ἄνδρες,” τὸν Δίωνα δείξας καὶ τὸν Εὐφράτην μήπω αὐτῷ ἐς διαφορὰν ἥκοντα. τότε δὴ ἀνασχὼν ὁ βασιλεὺς τὰς χεῖρας, “ὦ Ζεῦ,” ἔφη, “σοφῶν μὲν ἐγὼ ἄρχοιμι, σοφοὶ δὲ ἐμοῦ.” καὶ ἐπιστρέψας ἔαυτὸν ἐς τοὺς Αἴγυπτίους, “ἀρύσασθε,” εἶπεν, “ώς Νείλου καὶ ἐμοῦ.”

XXIX

CAP. ΞΙΧΙX ‘Η μὲν δὴ Αἴγυπτος ὡδε ἀνέσχεν, ἀπειρηκότες ἥδη δι’ ἂν ἐπιέζοντο. κατιὼν δὲ τοῦ ἱεροῦ ξυνῆψε τῷ 526

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to Apollonius, and, as if making prayer he said to him : "Do thou make me king." And he answered : "I have done so already, for I have already offered a prayer for a king who should be just and noble and temperate, endowed with the wisdom of grey hairs, and the father of legitimate sons ; and surely in my prayer I was asking from the gods for none other but thyself." The emperor was delighted with this answer, for the crowd too in the temple shouted their agreement with it. "What then," said the emperor, "did you think of the reign of Nero?" And Apollonius answered : "Nero perhaps understood how to tune a lyre, but he disgraced the empire both by letting the strings go too slack and by drawing them too tight." "Then," said the other, "you would like a ruler to observe the mean?" "Not I," said Apollonius, "but God himself, who has defined equality as consisting in the mean. And these gentlemen here, they too are good advisers in this matter," he added, pointing to Dion and Euphrates, for the latter had not yet quarrelled with him. Thereupon the king held up his hand and said : "O Zeus, may I hold sway over wise men, and wise men hold sway over me." And turning himself round towards the Egyptians he said : "You shall draw as liberally upon me as you do upon the Nile."

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XXVIII
He
converses
with
Apollonius
about
kingship

XXIX

THE result then was that the Egyptians regained CHAP.
their prosperity, for they were already exhausted by XXIX
the oppressions they suffered ; but as he went down

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ΟΑΡ. **XXIX** Ἀπολλωνίφ τὴν χεῖρα, καὶ παραγαγὰν αὐτὸν ἐς
 τὰ βασίλεια, “ἰσως,” ἔφη, “μειρακιώδης ἐνίοις
 δοκῶ βασιλείας ἀπτόμενος περὶ ἔτος ἑξηκοστὸν
 τοῦ βίου δώσω οὖν ἀπολογίαν, ώς ἀπολογοῦ
 ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ τοῖς ἄλλοις ἐγὼ γάρ πλούτου μὲν
 ἡττηθεὶς οὐδὲ ἐν μειρακίφ ποτὲ οἶδα, τὰς δὲ ἀρχάς
 τε καὶ λαμπρότητας, ὅπόσαι τῇ Ῥωμαίων ἀρχῇ
 προσήκουσιν, οὕτω σωφρόνως καὶ μετρίως διεθέμην,
 ώς μήτε ὑπέρφρων μήτ’ αὖ κατεπτηχὼς δόξαι,
 νεώτερα δὲ οὐδ’ ἐπὶ Νέρωνα ἐνεθυμήθην, ἀλλ’
 ἐπειδὴ τὴν ἀρχήν, εἰ καὶ μὴ κατὰ νόμους, παρ’
 ἀνδρὸς γοῦν αὐτοκράτορος παραλαβὼν εἶχεν,
 ὑφιέμην αὐτῷ διὰ τὸν Κλαύδιον, ὃς ὑπατόν τε
 ἀπέδειξέ με καὶ ξύμβουλον τῶν ἑαυτοῦ καὶ τὴν τὴν
 Ἀθηνᾶν, ὅπότε Νέρωνα ἴδοιμι ἀσχημονοῦντα,
 δάκρυά μοι ἐξέπιπτεν ἐνθυμουμένῳ τὸν Κλαύδιον,
 ὑφ’ οἴου καθάρματος τὸ μέγιστον τῶν ἑαυτοῦ
 ἐκληρονομήθη. ὁρῶν δὲ μηδ’ ὅπότε Νέρων ἐκποδῶν
 γέγονεν ἐπὶ τὸ λφον μεθιστάμενα τὰ τῶν ἀν-
 θρώπων, ἀλλ’ οὕτως ἀτίμως τὴν ἀρχὴν πράτ-
 τουσαν, ώς ἐπὶ Βιτελίῳ κεῖσθαι, θαρρῶν ἥδη ἐπ’
 αὐτὴν εῖμι, πρῶτου μέν, ἐπειδὴ βούλομαι τοῖς
 ἀνθρώποις παρασχεῖν ἐμαυτὸν πολλοῦ ἀξιον, εἰτα,
 ἐπειδὴ πρὸς ἄνθρωπον ὁ ἀγῶν ἔσται κραιπαλῶντα·
 Βιτέλιος γάρ μύρῳ μὲν λοῦται πλεῖστον ἢ ἐγὼ ὕδατι,
 δοκεῖ δέ μοι καὶ ξίφει πληγεὶς μύρῳ ἐκδώσειν
 μᾶλλον ἢ αἷμα, οἷνῳ δὲ οἰνον ξυνάπτων μαίνεται,
 καὶ κυθεύει μὲν δεδιώς μή τι αὐτὸν οἱ πεττοὶ

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from the temple he grasped the hand of Apollonius, CHAP.
and taking him with him into the palace, said :

" Perhaps some will think me young and foolish
because I assume the reins of kingship in the sixtieth

XXIX

And reviews
the reigns
of his
predecessors

year of my life. I will then communicate to you my
reasons for doing so, in order that you may justify
my actions to others. For I was never the slave of
wealth that I know of, even in my youth; and in the
matter of the magistracies and honours in the gift of
the Roman sovereign, I bore myself with so much
soberness and moderation as to avoid being thought
either overbearing or, on the other hand, craven and
cowardly. Nor did I cherish any but loyal feelings
towards Nero; but, inasmuch as he had received the
crown, if not in strict accordance with the law, at
any rate from the autocrat, I submitted to him for
the sake of Claudius, who made me consul and
sharer of his counsels. And, by Athene, I never saw
Nero demeaning himself without shedding tears,
when I thought of Claudius, and contrasted with
him the wretch who had inherited the greatest of
his possessions. And now when I see that even the
disappearance from the scene of Nero has brought
no change for the better in the fortunes of humanity,
and that the throne has fallen into such dishonour
as to be assigned to Vitellius, I boldly advance to
take it myself; firstly, because I wish to endear
myself to men and win their esteem, and secondly,
because the man I have to contend with is a mere
drunkard. For Vitellius uses more ointment in his
bath than I do water, and I believe that if you ran
a sword into him, more ointment would issue from
the wound than blood; and his continuous bouts of
drinking have made him mad, and one who were he

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CAP. σφήλωσιν, ὑπὲρ δὲ ἀρχῆς ἀναρριπτεῖ παιζων,
XXIX ἔταιραις δὲ ὑποκείμενος ἐπιθόρυσται ταῖς γεγα-
μημέναις, ἥδιώ φάσκων τὰ μετὰ κινδύνων ἐρωτικά.
ἔω τὰ ἀσελγέστερα, ώς μὴ τοιαῦτα ἐπὶ σοῦ
λέγοιμι· μὴ δὴ περιίδοιμι 'Ρωμαίους ὑπὸ τοιούτου
ἀρχθέντας, ἀλλ' ἡγεμόνας ποιούμενος τοὺς θεοὺς
ἀνὴρ γιγνοίμην ἐμαυτῷ ὅμοιος· δθεν ἐκ σοῦ,
'Απολλώνιε, πεῖσμα ἐγὼ βάλλομαι, φασὶ γὰρ
πλεῖστά σε τῶν θεῶν αἰσθάνεσθαι, καὶ ξύμ-
βουλον ποιοῦμαι σε φροντίδων, ἐφ' αἷς ἔστι γῆ
καὶ θάλαττα, ἵν' εἰ μὲν εὔμενή τὰ παρὰ τῶν θεῶν
φαίνοιτο, πράττοιμι ταῦτα, εἰ δὲ ἐναντία καὶ μὴ
πρὸς ἐμοῦ μηδὲ 'Ρωμαίων, μὴ ἐνοχλοίην τοὺς θεοὺς
ἄκουντας."

XXX

CAP. Ἐπιθειάσας δ' ὁ 'Απολλώνιος τῷ λόγῳ, "Ζεῦ,"
XXX ἔφη, "Καπιτώλιε, σὲ γὰρ τῶν παρόντων πραγ-
μάτων βραβευτὴν οἶδα, φύλαττε σεαυτὸν μὲν
τούτῳ, σεαυτῷ δὲ τοῦτον· τὸν γὰρ νεών, δν χθὲς
ἄδικοι χεῖρες ἐνέπρησαν, τόνδε σοὶ τὸν ἄνδρα
ἀναστῆσαι πέπρωται." Θαυμάσαντος δὲ τοῦ
βασιλέως τὸν λόγον, "αὐτά," εἶπεν, "αὗτὰ δηλώσει

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dicing would be full of apprehension lest the pieces should play him false, is yet hazarding the empire in play ; and though he is the slave of mistresses, he nevertheless insults married women, and says that he likes to spice his amours with a little danger. His worst excesses I will not mention for I would rather not allude to such matters in your presence. May I then never submit tamely, while the Romans are ruled by such a man as he ; let me rather ask the gods to guide me so that I may be true to myself. And this, Apollonius, is why I, as it were, make fast my cable to yourself, for they say that you have the amplest insight into the will of the gods, and why I ask you to share with me in my anxieties and aid me in plans on which rests the safety of sea and land ; to the end that, supposing the good-will of heaven show itself on my side, I may fulfill my task ; but if heaven opposes and favours neither myself nor the Romans, that I may not trouble the gods against their wills."

XXX

APOLLONIUS clinched his words with an appeal to heaven : "O Zeus," said he, "of the Capitol, for thou art he whom I know to be the arbiter of the present issue, do thou preserve thyself for this man and this man for thyself. For this man who stands before thee is destined to raise afresh unto thee the temple which only yesterday the hands of malefactors set on fire." And on the emperor expressing astonishment at his words : "The facts themselves," he said, "will reveal, so do thou ask nothing of me ; but continue and

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CAP. καὶ μηδὲν ἐμοῦ δέου, πέραινε δέ, ἀ ὁρθῶς ἐβου-
XXX λεύσω.” ξυμβεβήκει δὲ ἄρα κατὰ τὴν Ῥώμην
Δομετιανὸν μὲν τὸν Οὐεσπασιανοῦ παῖδα παρ-
τετάχθαι πρὸς τὸν Βιτέλιον ὑπὲρ τῆς ἀρχῆς τοῦ
πατρός, πολιορκίας δ’ αὐτὸν περισχούσης ἐν τῷ
Καπιτωλίῳ, τὸν μὲν διαπεφευγέναι τοὺς πολιορ-
κοῦντας, τὸν νεών δ’ ἐμπεπρῆσθαι, καὶ τῷ Ἀπολ-
λωνίῳ φαίνεσθαι πολλῷ θâττον ἡ εἰ̄ κατ’ Αἴγυπτον
ἐπράττετο. τοσαῦτα σπουδάσαντες ὁ μὲν ἀπῆλθε
τοῦ βασιλέως, εἰπὼν μὴ ξυγχωρεῖν αὐτῷ τὰ Ἰνδῶν
πάτρια κατὰ μεσημβρίαν ἄλλο τι παρ’ ἀ ἐκεῖνοι
πράττουσι πράττειν, ὁ δὲ ἀνέλαμπέ τε ἔτι
μᾶλλον καὶ οὐ ξυνεχώρει τοῖς πράγμασι δια-
φεύγειν ἑαυτόν, ἀλλ’ ὡς βεβαίων τε καὶ αὐτῷ
καθωμολογημένων εἴχετο δι’ ἀ ἥκουσεν.

XXXI

CAP. Τῇ δ’ ὑστεραίᾳ περὶ δρθρον ἐπὶ τὰ βασίλεια
XXXI ἥκων ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος ἥρετο τοὺς δορυφόρους, ὃ τι
βασιλεὺς πράττοι, οἱ δὲ ἐγρηγορέναι τε αὐτὸν
πάλαι ἔφασαν καὶ πρὸς ἐπιστολαῖς εἶναι. καὶ
ἀκούσας τοῦτο ἀπῆλθεν εἰπὼν πρὸς τὸν Δάμιν
“ὁ ἀνὴρ ἄρξει.” ἐπανελθὼν δὲ περὶ ἥλιον
ἀνίσχοντα Δίωνα μὲν καὶ Εὐφράτην ἐπὶ θύραις
εὑρε, καὶ περὶ τῆς ξυνουσίας φιλοτίμως ἐρωτῶσι
διῆλθε τὴν ἀπολογίαν, ἦν τοῦ βασιλέως ἥκουσε,
τὰς δὲ αὐτοῦ δόξας ἀπεσιώπησεν. ἐσκληθεὶς δὲ

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complete that which thou hast so rightly purposed." CHAP.
Now it happened just then as a matter of fact that
in Rome Domitian, the son of Vespasian, was matched
with Vitellius in the struggle to gain the empire for
his father, and was besieged in the Capitol, with the
result that although he escaped the fury of the
besiegers, the temple was burnt down; and all this
was revealed to Apollonius more quickly than if it
had taken place in Egypt. When they had held
their conversation, he left the emperor's presence,
saying that it was not permitted him by the religion
of the Indians to proceed at midday in any other
way than the Indians do themselves; at the same
time the emperor brightened up, and with fresh
enthusiasm, instead of allowing matters to slip
through his hands, persevered in his policy, con-
vinced by Apollonius' words that his future was
stable and assured to him by heaven.

XXXI

NEXT day at dawn Apollonius came to the palace CHAP.
and asked the guards what the emperor was doing;
from whom learning that he had long risen and was
engaged on his correspondence, he went off and
remarked to Damis: "This man shall be sovereign." XXXI
About sunrise he returned to find Dion and
Euphrates already at the door, in return to whose
eager enquiries concerning the interview, he
repeated the defence of his policy which he had
heard from the emperor, though at the same time he
let no word escape him of his own opinions. But on
being summoned to enter in advance of them, he

Apollonius
wins an
audience for
Dion and
Euphrates

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CAP. πρῶτος, “ώ βασιλεῦ,” εἶπεν, “Εὐφράτης καὶ Δίων
XXXI πάλαι σοι γυώριμοι δύτες πρὸς θύραις εἰσὶν οὐκ
ἀφρόντιδες τῶν σῶν κάλει δὴ κάκείνους ἐς κοινὸν
λόγον, σοφὸς γὰρ τῷ ἄνδρε.” “ἄκλείστους,” ἔφη,
“θύρας παρέχω σοφοῖς ἀνδράσι, σοὶ δὲ καὶ τὰ
στέρνα ἀνεῳχθαι δοκεῖ τάμα.”

XXXII

CAP. διανοίας,” εἶπεν, “ώ ἄνδρες, ἀπολελόγημαι, χθὲς
XXXII Ἀπολλωνίῳ τῷ γενναίῳ.” “ἡκουσαμεν,” ἡ δὲ Δίων,
“τῆς ἀπολογίας, καὶ νοῦν εἰχε.” “τήμερον
δέ,” εἶπεν, “ώ φίλε Δίων, ξυμφιλοσοφήσωμεν
ὑπὲρ τῶν βεβουλευμένων, ἵν’ ὡς κάλλιστα καὶ
κατὰ σωτηρίαν τῶν ἀνθρώπων πάντα πράττοιμι
ἐννοῶν γὰρ πρῶτον μὲν τὸν Τιβέριον, ὡς ἐστι τὸ
ἀπάνθρωπόν τε καὶ ὡμὸν τὴν ἀρχὴν μετέστησεν,
εἴτα τὸν ἐπ’ ἐκείνῳ Γάιον, ὡς διονυσομανῶν καὶ
λυδίζων τὴν στολὴν καὶ πολέμους νικῶν οὐκ δύτας
ἐστι πάντα τὰ Ῥωμαίων αἰσχρῶς ἐβάκχευσεν, εἴτα
τὸν χρηστὸν Κλαύδιον, ὡς ὑπὸ γυναιών ἡττηθεὶς
ἐπελάθετο τοῦ ἀρχειν, ἀλλὰ καὶ τοῦ ζῆν, ἀπέθανε
γὰρ ὑπ’ αὐτῶν, ὡς φασι, Νέρωνος δὲ τί ἀν καθαπ-
τοίμην, εἰπόντος Ἀπολλωνίου βραχὺν καὶ ἀθρόον
λόγον περὶ ἀνέστεώς τε καὶ ἐπιτάσεως, αἷς Νέρων
τὴν ἀρχὴν ἤσχυνε; τί δὲ ἀν περὶ ὧν Γάλβας
ξυνέταττεν, εἴποιμι, δος ἐπ’ ἀγορᾶς μέσης ἀπέθανεν

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said : "O King, Euphrates and Dion, long your acquaintances, are at your door, being highly anxious for your welfare. I pray you, call them in also to join in our conversation, for they are both of them wise men." "I throw my doors open," he replied, "to wise men; but to you I purpose to open my breast as well."

CHAP.
XXXI

XXXII

WHEN they had been called in, he continued : CHAP.
"In defence of my own plans, I said, gentlemen, XXXII
what I had to say, yesterday to Apollonius our Vespa-
esteemed friend." "We have heard that defence," sian's
said Dion, "and it was most reasonable." "Well, retrospect
to-day," he went on, "my dear Dion, let us concert some wise conclusions in support of the counsels adopted by me, of a kind to ensure my general policy being both honourable and salutary to mankind. For I cannot forget how Tiberius was the first to degrade the government into an inhuman and cruel system, of how he was followed by Gaius, who filled with Bacchic frenzy, dressed in Lydian fashion, won sham fights and by his disgraceful revels violated all Roman institutions. There followed the worthy Claudius, and I remember that he was so much the thrall of women as to lose all sense of sovereignty, nay even of self-preservation; for they say he was murdered by them. Nero I hardly need assail, for Apollonius in brief and terse remarks has exposed the faults of over-indulgence and undue severity by which he disgraced his reign. Nor need I dwell on the system of Galba, who was slain in the middle of the forum in the act of adopting those

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CAP. ήταιρημένους ἐσποιῶν ἑαυτῷ παῖδας τὸν "Οθωνα
XXXII καὶ τὸν Πείσωνα; εἰ δὲ καὶ Βιτελίφ τῷ πάντων
ἀσελγεστάτῳ τὴν ἀρχὴν παραδοίημεν, ἀναβιώῃ
Νέρων· ὁρῶν οὖν, ὡς ἄνδρες, ὑφ' ὧν εἰπον τυραννίδων
διαβεβλημένον τὸ ἄρχειν, ξυμβούλους ὑμᾶς ποιοῦ-
μαι, πῶς ἀν διαθείμην αὐτὸν προσκεκρουκὸς ἥδη
τοῖς ἀνθρώποις." πρὸς ταῦτα ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος,
"αὐλητής," ἔφη, "τῶν πάνυ σοφῶν τοὺς ἑαυτοῦ
μαθητὰς παρὰ τοὺς φαυλοτέρους τῶν αὐλητῶν
ἔπειμπε μαθησομένους, πῶς δεῖ μὴ αὐλεῖν· τὸ μὲν
δῆ, πῶς δεῖ μὴ ἄρχειν, μεμάθηκας, ὡς βασιλεῦ,
παρὰ τούτων, οὐ πονηρῶς ἥρξαν, τὸ δ', ὅπως δεῖ
ἄρχειν, σπουδάσωμεν."

XXXIII

CAP. 'Ο δ' Εὐφράτης ἀφανῶς μὲν ἥδη ἐβάσκαινε τῷ
XXXIII Ἀπολλωνίφ, προσκείμενον αὐτῷ τὸν βασιλέα ὁρῶν
μᾶλλον ἡ τοῦς χρηστηρίοις τοὺς ἐς αὐτὰ ἥκουτας,
ἀνοιδήσας δὲ ὑπὲρ τὸ μέτρον τότε καὶ τὴν φωνὴν
ἐπάρας παρ' δὲ εἰώθει, "οὐ χρή," ἔφη, "κολακεύειν
τὰς ὁρμάς, οὐδὲ ἀνοήτως συνεκφέρεσθαι τοῖς παρὰ
τὴν ἡνίαν τι πράττουσι, καταρρυθμίζειν δὲ αὐτούς,
εἴπερ φιλοσοφοῦμεν· ἂν γὰρ εἰ προσήκει πράττειν,
ἔδει βουλευομένους φαίνεσθαι, ταῦθ' δν πεπράξεται
τρόπον κελεύεις λέγειν φύπω μαθών, εἰ ὑπὲρ πρα-
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strumpet sons of his Otho and Piso. As for Vitellius, CHAP. XXXII we had rather Nero should come to life again than betray the empire to him, the most dissolute of all. Perceiving then, my friends, that the throne has fallen into hatred and contempt by reason of the tyrants I have enumerated, I would fain have you advise me how best I can restore it, so that it should not remain what it has become, namely, a stumbling block to mankind." Apollonius replied as follows : " There was a first-rate flute-player, it is said, who used to send his pupils to much worse artists than himself, that they might learn how not to pipe. As then you, my sovereign, have learned from these your good-for-nothing predecessors, how not to rule, let us, then, now turn our attention to the problem, how a sovereign ought to rule."

XXXIII

WHILE Apollonius spoke, Euphrates concealed the CHAP. XXXIII jealousy he already felt of one whose utterances clearly interested the emperor hardly less than those of an oracular shrine interest those who repair to it for guidance. But now at last his feelings overcame him, and, raising his voice above its usual pitch, he cried : " We must not flatter men's impulses, nor allow ourselves to be carried away against our better judgment by men of unbridled ambition ; but we should rather, if we are enamoured of wisdom, recall them to the rhythm of life. Here is a policy about the very expediency of which we should first calmly deliberate, and yet you would have us prescribe a way of executing it, before you know if the measures under discussion are desirable. For myself, I quite

Speech of Euphrates, in favour of restoring a Roman republic

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CLAP. **XXXIII** κτέων οἱ λόγοι. ἐγὼ δὲ Βιτέλιον μὲν καταλυθῆναι κελεύω, μιαρὸν γὰρ τὸν ἄνθρωπον οἶδα καὶ μεθύουντα ἀσελγείᾳ πάσῃ, σὲ δὲ ἄνδρα εἰδὼς ἀγαθὸν καὶ γενναιότητι προῦχοντα, οὐ φημι χρῆναι τὰ μὲν Βιτελίου διορθοῦσθαι, τὰ σεαυτοῦ δὲ μήπω εἰδέναι. ὅσα μὲν δὴ αἱ μοναρχίαι ὑβρίζουσιν, οὐκ ἐμοῦ χρὴ μανθάνειν, ἀλλ’ αὐτὸς εἴρηκας, γιγνώσκοις δὲ ἄν, ώς νεότης μὲν ἐπὶ τυραννίδα πηδῶσα προσήκοντα ἔαυτῇ που πράττει, τὸ γὰρ τυραννεύειν οὕτως ἔοικε νέοις, ώς τὸ μεθύειν, ώς τὸ ἐρᾶν, καὶ νέος μὲν τυραννεύσας οὕπω κακός, ἦν μὴ¹ μαιφόνος παρὰ τὴν τυραννίδα καὶ ὡμὸς καὶ ἀσελγὴς δόξη, γέροντος δὲ ἐπὶ τυραννίδα ἥκοντος, πρώτη αἰτία τὸ τοιαῦτα βούλεσθαι· καὶ γὰρ ἦν φιλάνθρωπος φαίνηται καὶ κεκοσμημένος, οὐκ ἐκείνου ταῦτα νομίζουσιν, ἀλλὰ τῆς ἡλικίας καὶ τοῦ κατηρτυκέναι, δόξει δὲ καὶ πάλαι τούτου καὶ νέος ἔτι ἐπιθυμήσας ἀμαρτεῖν, αἱ δὲ τοιαῦται ἀμαρτίαι πρόσκεινται μὲν δυστυχίᾳ, πρόσκεινται δὲ δειλίᾳ· δοκεῖ γάρ τις ἡ καταγοὺς τῆς ἔαυτοῦ τύχης τὸ ἐν υῷ τυραννεῦσαι παρεῖναι, ἡ τυραννησείοντι ἐκστῆναι ἐτέρῳ δείσας δήπου αὐτὸν ώς ἄνδρα. τὸ μὲν δὴ τῆς δυστυχίας ἔάσθω, τὸ δὲ τῆς δειλίας πῶς παραιτήσῃ, καὶ ταῦτα Νέρωνα δοκῶν δεῖσαι τὸν δειλότατόν τε καὶ

¹ Kayser omits μή, which the sense requires.

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approve of the deposition of Vitellius, whom I know ^{CHAP.} XXXIV to be a ruffian drunk with every sort of profligacy; nevertheless, although I know you to be a worthy man and of pre-eminent nobility of character, I deny that you ought to undertake the correction of Vitellius without first establishing an ideal for yourself. I need not instruct you in the excesses chargeable to monarchy as such, for you have yourself described them; but this I would have you recognise, that whereas youth leaping into the tyrant's saddle does but obey its own instincts,—for playing the tyrant comes as natural to young men as wine or women, and we cannot reproach a young man merely for making himself a tyrant, unless in pursuit of his rôle he shows himself a murderer, a ruffian and a debauchee,—on the other hand when an old man makes himself a tyrant, the first thing we blame in him is that he ever nursed such an ambition. It is no use his shewing himself an example of humanity and moderation, for of these qualities we shall give the credit not to himself, but to his age and mature training. And men will believe that he nursed the ambition long before, when he was still a stripling, only that he failed to realise it; and such failures are attributed partly to ill luck, partly to pusillanimity. I mean that he will be thought to have renounced his dream of becoming a tyrant, because he distrusted his own star, or that he stood aside and made way for another who entertained the same ambition and whose superior courage he dreaded. As for the count of ill luck, I may dismiss it; but as for that of cowardice, how can you avoid it? How escape the reproach of having been afraid of Nero, the most

(c. 9)

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CAP.
XXXIII ῥαθυμότατον; ἀ γὰρ ἐνεθυμήθη Βίνδιξ ἐπ' αὐτόν,
σέ, νὴ τὸν Ἡρακλέα, ἐκάλει πρῶτον. καὶ γὰρ
στρατιὰν εἶχες, καὶ ἡ δύναμις, ἦν ἐπὶ τοὺς Ἰουδαίους
ἡγες, ἐπιτηδειοτέρα ἦν τιμωρεῖσθαι Νέρωνα·
ἐκεῖνοι μὲν γὰρ πάλαι ἀφεστᾶσιν οὐ μόνον
Ῥωμαίων, ἀλλὰ καὶ πάντων ἀνθρώπων· οἱ γὰρ
βίον ἄμικτον εύρόντες καὶ οἱς μήτε κοινὴ πρὸς
ἀνθρώπους τράπεζα μήτε σπουδαὶ μήτε εὔχαι
μήτε θυσίαι, πλέον ἀφεστᾶσιν ἡμῶν ἡ Σοῦσα καὶ
Βάκτρα καὶ οἱ ὑπὲρ ταῦτα Ἰνδοί· οὐκοῦν οὐδὲ
εἰκὸς ἦν τιμωρεῖσθαι τούτους ἀφισταμένους, οὓς
βέλτιον ἦν μηδὲ κτᾶσθαι. Νέρωνα δὲ τίς οὐκ
ἄν ηὗξατο τῇ ἑαυτοῦ χειρὶ ἀποκτεῖναι, μονονού
πίνοντα τὸ τῶν ἀνθρώπων αἷμα καὶ ἐν μέσοις τοῖς
φόνοις ἄδοντα; καίτοι ἐμοῦ τὰ ὡτα ὁρθὰ ἦν πρὸς
τοὺς ὑπὲρ σοῦ λόγους, καὶ ὅπότε τις ἐκεῖθεν
ἀφίκοιτο τρισμυρίους Ἰουδαίων ἀπολωλέναι φάσ-
κων ὑπὸ σοῦ καὶ πεντακισμυρίους κατὰ τὴν
ἔφεξῆς μάχην, ἀπολαμβάνων τὸν ἥκοντα ξυμμέ-
τρως ἡρώτων, τί δ' ὁ ἀνήρ; μὴ μεῖζόν τι τούτων;
ἐπεὶ δὲ τὸν Βιτέλιον εἴδωλον πεποιημένος τοῦ
Νέρωνος ἐπ' αὐτὸν στρατεύεις, ἀ μὲν βεβούλευσαι,
πρᾶττε, καλὰ γὰρ καὶ ταῦτα, τὰ δὲ ἐπὶ τούτοις
ώδε ἔχέτω· Ῥωμαίοις τὸ δημοκρατεῖσθαι πολλοῦ
ἄξιον, καὶ πολλὰ τῶν ὄντων αὐτοῖς ἐπ' ἐκείνης
τῆς πολιτείας ἐκτήθη· παῦε μοναρχίαν, περὶ ἡς

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cowardly and supine of rulers? Look at the revolt ^{CHAP.} ~~XXXIII~~ against him planned by Vindex, you surely were the man of the hour, its natural leader, and not he! For you had an army at your back, and the forces you were leading against the Jews, would they not have been more suitably employed in chastising Nero? For the Jews have long been in revolt not only against the Romans, but against humanity; and a race that has made its own a life apart and irreconcilable, that cannot share with the rest of mankind in the pleasures of the table nor join in their libations or prayers or sacrifices, are separated from ourselves by a greater gulf than divides us from Susa or Bactra or the more distant Indies. What sense then or reason was there in chastising them for revolting from us, whom we had better have never annexed? As for Nero, who would not have prayed with his own hand to slay a man well-nigh drunk with human blood, singing as he sat amidst the hecatombs of his victims? I confess that I ever pricked up my ears when any messenger from yonder brought tidings of yourself, and told us how in one battle you had slain thirty thousand Jews and in the next fifty thousand. In such cases I would take the courier aside and quietly ask him: 'But what of the great man? Will he not rise to higher things than this?' Since then you have discovered in Vitellius an image and ape of Nero, and are turning your arms against him, persist in the policy you have embraced, for it too is a noble one, only let its sequel be noble too. You know how dear to the Romans are popular institutions, and how nearly all their conquests were won under a free polity. Put then an end to monarchy, of which you have repeated to us so evil a record; and bestow

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CAP.
XXXIII τοιαῦτα εἰρηκας, καὶ δίδου Ῥωμαίοις μὲν τὸ τοῦ δήμου κράτος, σαυτῷ δὲ τὸ ἐλευθερίας αὐτοῖς ἄρξαι.”

XXXIV

CAP.
XXXIV Τοσαῦτα τοῦ Εὐφράτου εἰπόντος ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος τὸν Δίωνα προστιθέμενον τῇ γυνώμῃ, τουτὶ γὰρ καὶ τῷ νεύματι ἐπεδήλου καὶ οἱ ἐπήνει λέγοντα, “μή τι,” ἔφη, “Δίων, τοῖς εἰρημένοις προστίθης;” “τὴν Δὲ,” εἶπε, “πὴ μὲν ὅμοια, πὴ δὲ ἀνόμοια· τὸ μὲν γὰρ ὡς πολλῷ βελτίων ἀν ἦν Νέρωνα καταλύων μᾶλλον ἢ τὰ τῶν Ἰουδαίων διορθούμενος, ἥγοῦμαι κάμοὶ πρὸς σὲ εἰρῆσθαι, σὺ δὲ ἐώκεις ἀγῶνα ποιουμένῳ μὴ καταλυθῆναι ποτε αὐτὸν· ὁ γὰρ τὴν ταραχὴν τῶν ἐκείνου πραγμάτων εὖ τιθέμενος, ἐρρώννε που τὸν ἀνθρωπὸν ἐπὶ πάντας, οὓς κακῶς ἐρρωτο. τὴν δὲ ἐπὶ τὸν Βιτέλιον ὄρμὴν ἐπαινῶ· τοῦ γὰρ τυραννίδα καθεστηκυῖαν παῦσαι μεῖζον ἥγοῦμαι τὸ μηδὲ ἔᾶσαι φῦναι. δημοκρατίαν δὲ ἀσπάζομαι μέν—καὶ γὰρ εἰ τῆς ἀριστοκρατίας ἥττων ἥδε ἡ πολιτεία, ἀλλὰ τυραννίδων τε καὶ ὀλυγαρχιῶν αἵρετωτέρα τοῖς σώφροσι—δέδια δέ, μὴ χειροήθεις ἥδη Ῥωμαίους αῦται αἱ τυραννίδες πεποιηκυῖαι χαλεπὴν ἐργάσωνται τὴν μεταβολήν, καὶ μὴ δύνωνται μήτε

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upon Romans a popular government, and on your-
self the glory of inaugurating for them a reign of ^{CHAP.} ~~XXXIII~~
liberty."¹

XXXIV

THROUGHOUT Euphrates' long speech, Apollonius ^{CHAP.} ~~XXXIV~~
noticed that Dion shared his sentiments, for he manifested his approval both by gestures and the applause with which he hailed his words; so he asked him if he could not add some remarks of his own to what he had just heard. "By Heaven, I can," answered Dion, "and I should agree in part and in part disagreee with his remarks; for I think I have myself told you that he would have been much better employed deposing Nero than setting Jewry to rights. But your contention appears to be that he ought never to have been deposed, on the ground that anyone who composed the disorder of his affairs merely strengthened the fellow against all the victims of his power. I approve however of the campaign against Vitellius; for I consider it a greater achievement to prevent a tyranny from ever growing up, than to put an end to it when it is established. And while I welcome the idea of a democracy—for though this form of polity is inferior to an aristocracy, nevertheless moderate men will prefer it to tyrannies and oligarchies,—I fear lest the servility to which these successive tyrannies have reduced the Romans will render any change difficult to effect; I doubt if they are able to comport themselves as free men or even to lift their

Dion doubts
the
practicability
of such a
restoration

¹ Cp. Tacitus, Hist. i. 16: dignus eram a quo res publica inciperet.

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CAP.
XXXIV ἐλευθεριάζειν μήτε πρὸς δημοκρατίαν ἀναβλέπειν,
ωσπερ οἱ ἐκ σκότους ἐς ἀθρόον φῶς βλέψαντες·
ὅθεν φημὶ δεῖν τὸν μὲν Βιτέλιον ἔξωθεν τῶν πρα-
γμάτων, καὶ ως τάχιστά γε καὶ ἄριστα τοῦτο
ἔσται, γιγνέσθω, δοκεῖ δέ μοι παρασκευάζεσθαι
μὲν ως πολεμήσοντα, πόλεμον δὲ αὐτῷ μὴ προ-
κηρύττειν, ἀλλὰ τιμωρίαν, εἰ μὴ μεθεῖτο τῆς ἀρχῆς,
κἀν ἔλης αὐτόν, τουτὶ δὲ πάρξειν ἥγοῦμαί σοι
μηδὲ πονήσαντι, δίδου Ῥωμαίοις αἴρεσιν τῆς αὐτῶν
πολιτείας, κἀν μὲν αἱρῶνται δημοκρατίαν, ξυγχώρειν
τουτὶ γάρ σοι πολλῶν μὲν τυραννίδων, πολλῶν
δὲ Ὀλυμπιάδων μεῖζον, καὶ πανταχοῦ μὲν γεγράψῃ
τῆς πόλεως, πανταχοῦ δὲ ἔστηξεις χαλκοῦς, ἡμῖν
δὲ ἀφορμὰς παραδώσεις λόγων, αἱς οὔτε Ἄρμόδιος
οὔτε Ἀριστογείτων παραβεβλήσεται τις. εἰ δὲ
μοναρχίαν προσδέχοιντο, τίνι λοιπὸν ἀλλ’ ἡ σοὶ
ψηφίσασθαι τὴν ἀρχὴν πάντας; ἂν γὰρ ἔχων ἥδη
τῷ κοινῷ παρήσεις, σοὶ δήπου μᾶλλον ἡ ἑτέρῳ
δώσουσιν.”

XXXV

CAP.
XXXV Σιωπὴ μὲν οὖν ἐπὶ τούτοις ἐγένετο, καὶ τὸ πρόσ-
ωπον τοῦ βασιλέως ἀγῶνα ἐπεδήλου τῆς γνώμης,
ἐπειδὴ πάνθ’ ωσπερ αὐτοκράτωρ χρηματίζων τε
καὶ πράττων ἀπάγεσθαι ἐδόκει τῆς βουλῆς ταύτης,
καὶ ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, “δοκεῖτέ μοι,” εἶπεν, “ἀμαρ-

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eyes to a democracy; any more than people who CHAP.
have been kept in the dark are able to look on a XXXIV
sudden blaze of light. I conclude that Vitellius
ought to be driven from power, and would fain see
this effected as quickly and as well as can be; I
think however that though you should be prepared
for war, yet you yourself instead of declaring war
against him, ought rather to threaten him with
condign punishment, in case he refuses to abdicate;
and in case you capture him, as I believe you will
easily do, then I would fain see you give the people
of Rome the right to choose their own polity, and,
if they choose a democracy, allow it them. For this
will bring you greater glory than many tyrannies
and many victories at Olympia. Your name will be
inscribed all over the city, and brazen statues of you
be erected everywhere; and you will furnish us
with a theme for harangues in which neither
Harmodius nor Aristogeiton will bear comparison
with you. If however they accept monarchy, to
whom can they all possibly decree the throne except
yourself? For what you already possess, and are
about to resign into the hands of the public, they
will surely rather confer on yourself than on
another."

XXXV

THERE followed a spell of silence during which
the emperor's countenance betrayed contending
emotions; for though he was an absolute ruler both
in title and in fact, it looked as if they were trying
to divert him from his resolution to remain such;
and accordingly Apollonius remarked:

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Apollonius
encourages
Vespasian
to make
himself
emperor

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CAP. τάνειν ἀναλύοντες βασιλέα περὶ πραγμάτων ἥδη
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βεβουλευμένων, ἐς ἀδολεσχίαν καθιστάμενοι μειρακιώδη καὶ ἀργοτέραν τοῦ καιροῦ. εἰ μὲν γὰρ ἐμὸὶ κεκτημένῳ δύναμιν, ὅπόσην οὗτος, καὶ βουλευομένῳ, τί δρῶῃ ἀν τοὺς ἀνθρώπους ἀγαθόν, ξύμβουλοι τῶν τοιούτων ἐγίγνεσθε, προῦβαινεν ἀν ὁ λόγος ὑμῖν—αἱ γὰρ φιλόσοφοι γνῶμαι τοὺς φιλοσόφους τῶν ἀκροατῶν διορθοῦνται—ἀνδρὶ δὲ ξύμβουλεύοντας ὑπάτῳ καὶ ἄρχειν εἰθισμένῳ, καὶ φῶ ἔτοιμον, ἐπειδὴν ἐκπέσῃ τῆς ἀρχῆς, ἀπολωλέναι, τί δεῖ ἐπιπλήττειν, εἰ μὴ διωθεῖται τὰ παρὰ τῆς τύχης, ἀλλὰ δέχεται μὲν αὐτὰ ἥκοντα, βουλεύεται δέ, ὅπως χρήσεται σωφρόνως οἵς ἔχει; ὕσπερ οὖν, εἰ ἀθλητὴν ὁρῶντες εὐψυχίᾳ τε κατεσκευασμένον καὶ μῆκει καὶ τὴν ἀρμονίαν τοῦ σώματος ἐπιτήδειον, ἐς Ὀλυμπίαν βαδίζοντα δι' Ἀρκαδίας, ἥδη προσελθόντες ἐπὶ μὲν τοὺς ἀντιπάλους ἐρρώνυμεν, ἐκελεύομεν δὲ αὐτόν, ἐπειδὴν νικήσῃ τὰ Ὀλύμπια, μὴ κηρύττεσθαι τῆς νίκης, μηδὲ ὑπέχειν τὴν κεφαλὴν τῷ κοτίνῳ, ληρεῖν ἀν ἐδόξαμεν ἡ παίζειν ἐς τοὺς ἑτέρων πόνους, οὕτως ἐνθυμούμενοι τὸν ἄνδρα, καὶ ὅπόση μὲν αἰχμὴ περὶ αὐτόν, ὅπόσος δὲ χαλκὸς ἀστράπτει, πλῆθος δὲ ἵππων ὅσου, αὐτὸς δὲ ὡς γενναῖός τε καὶ σώφρων καὶ πρέπων κατασχεῖν ἀ διανοεῖται, πέμπωμεν ἐφ' ἀ ὥρμηκεν αἴσια μὲν φθεγγόμενοι πρὸς αὐτόν, εὐφημότερα δὲ

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" It seems to me you are mistaken in trying to cancel a monarchical policy when it is already a foregone conclusion ; and that you indulge a garrulity as childish as it is in such a crisis idle. Were it I that had stepped into such a position of influence as he has, and were I, when taking counsel about what good I could do to the world, treated to such advice as you now give, your arguments would carry some force, for philosophic aphorisms might amend the philosophically-minded of your listeners ; but as it is a consul and a man accustomed to rule, whom you pretend to advise, one moreover over whom ruin impends, if he fall from power, need we carp, if instead of rejecting the gifts of fortune, he welcomes them when they come, and only deliberates how to make a discreet use of what is his own ? Let us take a similar case. Suppose we saw an athlete well endowed with courage and stature, and by his well-knit frame marked out as a winner in the Olympic contest, suppose we approached him when he was already on his way thither through Arcadia, and, while encouraging him to face his rivals, yet insisted that, in the event of his winning the prize, he must not allow himself to be proclaimed the victor, nor consent to wear the wreath of wild olive,—should we not be set down as imbeciles, mocking at another's labours ? Similarly when we regard the eminent man before us, and think of the enormous army at his disposal, of the glint of their brazen arms, of his clouds of cavalry, of his own personal qualities, of his generosity, self-restraint, of his fitness to attain his objects,—ought we not to send him forward on the path that leads to his goal, with favouring encouragement, and with more auspicious

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CAP. ΤΟΥΤΩΝ παρεγγυῶντες. οὕτε γὰρ ἐκεῖνο ἐνεθυ-
XXXV μήθητε, ὅτι δυοῦν παίδοιν πατὴρ οὗτος, οἱ στρατο-
πέδων ἥδη ἄρχουσιν, οὓς εἰ μὴ παραδώσει τὴν
ἀρχήν, ἔχθιστοις χρήσεται, καὶ τί λοιπόν, ἀλλ' ἡ
ἐκπεπολεμῆσθαι πρὸς τὸν ἑαυτοῦ οἶκον; τὴν δὲ
ἀρχὴν ὑποδεξάμενος θεραπεύσεται μὲν ὑπὸ τῶν
ἑαυτοῦ παίδων, στηρίξεται δὲ ἐπ' αὐτῶν καὶ ἐπ'
αὐτοῦ οἱ παῖδες, δορυφόροις δὲ αὐτοῦ χρήσεται,
μὰ Δὲ, οὐ μεμισθωμένοις, οὐδὲ ἡναγκασμένοις,
οὐδὲ πλαττομένοις εὔνουν πρόσωπον, ἀλλ' ἐπιτη-
δειοτάτοις τε καὶ φιλτάτοις.

'Εμοὶ πολιτείας μὲν οὐδεμιᾶς μέλει, ζῶ γὰρ ὑπὸ¹
τοῦ θεοῦ, τὴν δὲ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἀγέλην οὐκ ἀξιῶ
φθείρεσθαι χήτει βουκόλου δικαίου τε καὶ σώ-
φρονος. ὥσπερ γὰρ εἰς ἀρετὴν προῦχων μεθίστησι
τὴν δημοκρατίαν ἐς τὸ ἐνὸς ἀνδρὸς τοῦ ἀρίστου
ἀρχὴν φαίνεσθαι, οὕτως ἡ ἐνὸς ἀρχὴ πάντα ἐς τὸ
ξυμφέρον τοῦ κοινοῦ προορῶσα δῆμός ἐστιν. οὐ
κατέλυσας, φησί, Νέρωνα. σὺ δέ, Εὐφράτα; Δίων
δέ; ἐγὼ δέ; ἀλλ' ὅμως οὐδεὶς ἡμῖν ἐπιπλήττει τοῦτο,
οὐδὲ ἡγεῖται δειλούς, εἰ φιλοσόφων ἀνδρῶν μυρίας
ἥδη καθελόντων τυραννίδας, ἀπελείφθημεν ἡμεῖς
τοῦ δόξαι ὑπὲρ ἐλευθερίας τι πράττειν. καίτοι τό
γε ἐπ' ἐμοὶ καὶ παρετατόμην πρὸς Νέρωνα,
πολλὰ μὲν κακοήθως διελεγχθεὶς¹ καὶ τὸν ὠμότατον
Τιγελλίνον ἐπικόψας ἀκούοντα, ἢ δὲ περὶ τὰ
ἔσπερια τῶν χωρίων ὡφέλουν Βίνδικα, Νέρωνι

¹ Kayser reads διαλεχθεὶς against the sense.

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pledges for his future than these you have recorded ? CHAP XXXV
For there is another thing you have forgotten, that he is the father of two sons who are already in command of armies, and whose deepest enmity he will incur if he does not bequeath the empire to them. Is he not confronted by the alternative of embroiling himself in hostilities with his own family? If however he accepts the throne, he will have the devoted service of his own children, they will lean on him and he on them, using them as his body-guard, and, by Zeus, as a bodyguard not hired by money, nor levied by force nor feigning loyalty with their faces only, but attached to him by bonds of natural instinct and true affection.

“ For myself I care little about constitutions, seeing that my life is governed by the Gods ; but I do not like to see the human flock perish for want of a shepherd at once just and moderate. For just as a single man pre-eminent in virtue transforms a democracy into the guise of a government of a single man who is the best ; so the government of one man, if it provides all round for the welfare of the community, is popular government. You did not, we are told, help to depose Nero. And did you, Euphrates, or you, Dion ? Did I myself ? However, no one finds fault with us for that, nor regards us as cowardly, because, after philosophers have destroyed a thousand tyrannies, we have missed the glory of striking a blow for liberty. Not but that, as regards myself, I did take the field against Nero, and in response to several malignant accusations assailed his cut-throat Tigellinus to his face ; and the aid I rendered to Vindex in the western half of the empire was, I hardly need say, in the nature of a redoubt raised

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CAP.
XXXV δήπου ἐπετείχιζον. ἀλλ' οὔτε ἔμαυτὸν διὰ ταῦτα
φήσω καθηρηκέναι τὸν τύραννον, οὔτε ύμᾶς, ἐπεὶ
μὴ ταῦτ' ἐπράττετε, μαλακωτέρους ἡγήσομαι τοῦ
φιλοσοφίᾳ προσήκοντος. ἀνδρὶ μὲν οὖν φιλοσόφῳ
τὸ ἐπὶ νοῦν ἐλθὸν εἰρήσεται, ποιήσεται δέ, οἷμαι,
λόγου τοῦ μῆ τι ἀνοήτως ἡ μανικῶς εἰπεῖν· ὑπάτῳ
δ' ἐνθυμουμένῳ καταλῦσαι τύραννον πρῶτον μὲν
δεῖ βουλῆς πλείονος, ἵν' ἐξ ἀφανοῦς προσβαίη τοῖς
πράγμασιν, εἰτ' ἐπιτηδείου σχήματος ἐς τὸ μὴ
παρορκεῖν δοκεῖν. εἰ γὰρ ἐπ' αὐτόν, δις ἀπέφηνεν
αὐτὸν στρατηγὸν καὶ φέτα βέλτιστα βουλεύσειν
τε καὶ πράξειν ὥμοσε, μέλλοι χρήσεσθαι τοῖς
ὅπλοις, ἀπολογεῖσθαι δήπου τοῖς θεοῖς δεῖ πρότε-
ρον, ώς ξὺν ὄσιᾳ ἐπιορκοῦντα, φίλων τε δεῖ πλειό-
νων, οὐ γὰρ ἀχαρακώτους γε, οὐδὲ ἀφράκτους χρή-
τὰ τοιαῦτα πράττειν, καὶ χρημάτων ώς πλείστων,
ἵν' ὑποποιήσαιτο τὰς δυνάμεις καὶ ταῦτα ἐπιτιθέ-
μενος ἀνθρώπῳ τὰ ἐν πάσῃ τῇ γῇ κεκτημένῳ.
τριβὴ δὲ ὅση περὶ ταῦτα, ὅσοι δὲ χρόνοι. καὶ
ταῦτα μὲν ἐκδέχεσθε, ὅπη βούλεσθε, μὴ γὰρ ἐς
ἔλεγχον ἴωμεν ὡν ἐνεθυμήθη μέν, ώς εἰκός, οὗτος,
ἡ τύχη δὲ οὐδὲ ἀγωνισαμένῳ ξυνέλαβε· πρὸς δὲ
ἐκεῖνο τί ἐρεῦτε; τὸν γὰρ χθὲς ἄρχοντα καὶ στεφ-
ανούμενον μὲν ὑπὸ τῶν πόλεων ἐν τοῖς δεῦρο
ἱεροῖς, χρηματίζοντα δὲ λαμπρῶς καὶ ἀφθόνως,

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against Nero. But I should not on that account CHAP.
claim for myself the honour of having pulled down XXXV
that tyrant, any more than I should regard yourselves as falling short of the philosopher's ideal of courage and constancy, because you did nothing of the sort. For a man then of philosophic habit it is enough that he should say what he really thinks ; but he will, I imagine, take care not to talk like a fool or a madman. For a consul, on the other hand, who designs to depose a tyrant, the first requisite is plenty of deliberation, with a view to conceal his plans till they are ripe for action ; and the second is a suitable pretence to save him from the reproach of breaking his oath. For before he dreams of resorting to arms against the man who appointed him general and whose welfare he swore to safeguard in the council chamber and on the field, he must surely in self-defence furnish heaven with proof that he perjures himself in the cause of religion. He will also need many friends, if he is not to approach the enterprise unfenced and unfortified, and also all the money he can get so as to be able to win over the men in power, the more so as he attacks a man who commands the resources of the entire earth. All this demands no end of care, no end of time. And you may take all this as you like, for we are not called upon to sit in judgment on ambitions which he may possibly have entertained, but in which fortune refused to second him, even when he came to fight for them. What answer, however, will you make to the following proposition? Here is one who yesterday assumed the throne, who accepted the crown offered by the cities here in the temples around us, whose rescripts are as brilliant as they are ungrudging : do you bid him

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CAP.
XXXV *τοῦτον κελεύετε δημοσίᾳ κηρύττειν τήμερον, ὡς
ἰδιώτης μὲν εἴη λοιπόν, παρανοῶν δὲ ἐπὶ τὴν
ἀρχὴν ἥλθεν; ὥσπερ γὰρ ἐπιτελῶν τὰ δεδογμένα
προθύμους δορυφόρους, οἷς πιστεύων ταῦτ' ἐνεθυ-
μήθη, παραστήσεται, οὗτως ἐς τὸ μεθίστασθαι
τῶν δοξάντων ἥκων πολεμίῳ τῷ μετὰ ταῦτα
ἀπιστουμένῳ χρήσεται.”*

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CAP.
XXXVI *“Ασμενος τούτων ἀκούσας ὁ βασιλεύς, “εἰ τὴν
ψυχήν,” ἔφη, “τὴν ἐμὴν φύκεις, οὐκ ἀν οὕτω
σαφῶς, ἀ ἐνεθυμήθην, ἀπήγγειλας· ἔπομαι δὴ σοι,
θεῖον γὰρ ἥγοῦμαι τὸ ἐκ σοῦ πᾶν, καὶ ὅπόσα χρὴ
τὸν ἀγαθὸν βασιλέα πράττειν δίδασκε.” καὶ ὁ
Ἀπολλώνιος, “οὐ διδακτά με,” ἔφη, “ἐρωτᾶς·
βασιλεία γὰρ μέγιστον μὲν τῶν κατ’ ἀνθρώπους,
ἀδίδακτον δέ. ὅπόσα δ’ οὖν μοι δοκεῖς πράττων
ὑγιῶς ἀν πρᾶξαι, καὶ δὴ φράσω· πλοῦτον ἥγον μὴ
τὸν ἀπόθετον—τί γὰρ βελτίων οὗτος τῆς ὀποθενδὴ
ξυνενεχθείσης ψάμμου;—μηδὲ τὸν φοιτῶντα παρ’
ἀνθρώπων, οἱ τὰς ἐσφορὰς ὀλοφύρονται, κίβδηλον
γὰρ ὁ χρυσὸς καὶ μέλαν, ἥν ἐκ δακρύων ἥκη·
πλούτῳ δ’ ἀν ἄριστα βασιλέων χρῶ οἵτις μὲν
δεομένοις ἐπαρκῶν, οἵτις δὲ πολλὰ κεκτημένοις
παρέχων ἀσφαλῆ τὸν πλοῦτον. τὸ ἐξεῖναί σοι
πᾶν, ὅ τι βούλει, δέδιθι, σωφρονέστερον γὰρ αὐτῷ*

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issue a proclamation to-day to the effect that for CHAP.
the future he retires into private life, and only ^{XXXV} assumed the reigns of government in an access of
madness? As, if he carries through the policy on
which he is resolved, he will confirm the loyalty of
the guards relying on whom he first entertained it;
so, if he falters and departs from it, he will find an
enemy in everyone whom from that moment he must
mistrust."

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THE emperor listened gladly to the above and CHAP.
remarked: "If you were the tenant of my breast,
you could not more accurately report my inmost
thoughts. 'Tis yourself then I will follow, for every
word which falls from your lips I regard as inspired;
therefore instruct me, I pray, in all the duties of a
good king." Apollonius answered: "You ask of me
a lore which cannot be imparted by any teacher; The Sage's
for kingship is at once the greatest of human attain-
ments, and not to be taught. However, I will mention
you all the things which, if you do them, you will in my
opinion do wisely. Look not on that which is laid by as
wealth,—for how is it better than so much sand drifted
no matter from whence,—nor on what flows into your
coffers from populations racked by the taxgatherer,
for gold lacks lustre and is mere dross, if it be wrung
from men's tears; you will make better use of your
wealth than ever sovereign did, if you employ it in
succouring the poor, at the same time that you render
their wealth secure for the rich. Tremble before
the very absoluteness of your prerogative, for so you
will exercise it with the greater moderation. Now
Vespasian is pleased with the discourse.
view of kingship.

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CAP.
XXXVI χρήση. μὴ τέμνε τῶν ἀσταχύων τοὺς ὑψηλούς τε
καὶ ὑπεραίροντας, ἄδικος γὰρ ὁ τοῦ Ἀριστοτέλους
λόγος, ἀλλὰ τὸ δύσνουν ἔξαιρει μᾶλλον, ὥσπερ
τὰς ἀκάνθας τῶν ληίων, καὶ φοβερὸς δόκει τοῖς
νεώτερα πράττουσι μὴ ἐν τῷ τιμωρεῖσθαι, ἀλλ’
ἐν τῷ τιμωρήσεσθαι. νόμος, ὡς βασιλεῦ, καὶ σοῦ
ἀρχέτω· σωφρονέστερον γὰρ νομοθετήσεις, ἦν μὴ
ὑπερορᾶς τῶν νόμων. θεοὺς θεράπευε μᾶλλον ἡ
πρότερον· μεγάλα μὲν γὰρ παρ’ αὐτῶν εἴληφας,
ὑπὲρ μεγάλων δὲ εὔχῃ. καὶ τὰ μὲν τῇ ἀρχῇ προσ-
ήκοντα, ὡς βασιλεὺς πράττε, τὰ δὲ τῷ σώματι, ὡς
ἰδιώτης. περὶ δὲ κύβων καὶ μέθης καὶ ἐρώτων καὶ
τοῦ διαβεβλῆσθαι πρὸς τὰ τοιαῦτα τί ἂν σοι
παραινοίην, ὃν φασι μηδὲ ἐφ’ ἡλικίας ταῦτα ἐπαι-
νέσαι; παῖδες εἰσί σοι, βασιλεῦ, δύο καὶ γενναῖοι,
ὡς φασιν. ἄρχε τούτων μάλιστα, τὰ γὰρ ἐκείνοις
ἀμαρτηθέντα σὲ δήπου διαβαλεῖ. ἔστω δέ σοι καὶ
ἀπειλὴ πρὸς αὐτούς, ὡς οὐ παραδώσεις τὴν ἀρχήν
σφισιν, εἰ μή που καλοί τε καὶ ἀγαθοὶ μείνωσιν,
ἴνα μὴ κληρονομίαν ἡγῶνται τὴν ἀρχήν, ἀλλ’
ἀρετῆς ἀθλα. τὰς δὲ ἐμπολιτευομένας ἡδονὰς τῇ
Ῥώμῃ, πολλαὶ δὲ αὗται, δοκεῖ μοι, ὡς βασιλεῦ,
ξυμμέτρως παύειν, χαλεπὸν γὰρ μεταβαλεῖν δῆμον
ἐς τὸ ἀθρόως σῶφρον, ἀλλὰ δεῖ κατ’ ὀλίγον
ἐμποιεῖν ρύθμὸν ταῖς γνώμαις, τὰ μὲν φανερῶς, τὰ
δὲ ἀφανῶς διορθούμενον. ἀπελευθέρων τε καὶ δού-
λων, οὓς ἡ ἀρχή σοι δίδωσιν, ἀνέλωμεν τρυφὴν

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not down the loftier stalks which overtop the rest, CHAP.
for this maxim of Aristotle's is unjust ; but try ^{XXXVI}
rather to pluck disaffection out of men's hearts, as you
would tares out of your cornfields; and inspire awe of
yourself in revolutionists less by actual punishment
than by shewing them that they will not go un-
punished. Let the law govern you as well as them,
O king ; for you will be all the wiser as a legislator for
so holding the laws in respect. Reverence the gods
more than ever before, for you have received great
blessings at their hands and have still great ones to
pray for. In what appertains to your prerogative, act as
a sovereign ; in what to your own person, as a private
citizen. About dice and drink and dissipation and
the necessity of abhorring these vices, why need I
tender you any advice, who, they say, never approved of
them even in youth. You have, my sovereign, two
sons, both, they say, of generous disposition. Let
them before all obey your authority, for their faults
will be charged to your account. Let your dis-
ciplining of them even proceed to the length of
threatening not to bequeath them your throne,
unless they remain good men and honest ; otherwise
they will be prone to regard it not as a reward of
excellence so much as a mere heritage. As for the
pleasures which have made of Rome their home and
residence, and they are many, I would advise you,
my sovereign, to use much discretion in suppressing
them ; for it is not easy to convert an entire people
on a sudden to a wisdom and temperance ; but you
must feel your way and instil order and rhythm in
their characters step by step, partly by open, partly
by secret correction. Let us put an end to pride and
luxury on the part of the freedmen and slaves whom

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CAP.
XXXVI τοσούτῳ ταπεινότερον αὐτοὺς ἐθίσαντες φρονεῖν,
δσῳ μείζονος δεσπότου εἰσίν. τί λοιπὸν ἀλλ' ἡ
περὶ τῶν ἡγεμόνων εἰπεῖν, οὐκ ἐσ τὰ ἔθνη φοι-
τῶσιν, οὐ περὶ ὧν αὐτὸς ἐκπέμψεις, ἀριστίνδην
γάρ που τὰς ἀρχὰς δώσεις, ἀλλὰ περὶ τῶν κλη-
ρωσομένων τὸ ἄρχειν· τούτων γὰρ τοὺς μὲν προσ-
φόρους τοῖς ἔθνεσιν, ἀ διέλαχον, φημὶ δεῖν πέμπειν,
ώς ὁ κλῆρος, ἐλληνίζοντας μὲν Ἐλληνικῶν ἄρχειν,
ρωματίζοντας δὲ ὁμογλώττων καὶ ξυμφώνων.
δθεν δὲ τοῦτ' ἐνεθυμήθην, λέξω· κατὰ τοὺς χρό-
νους, οὓς ἐν Πελοποννήσῳ διητώμην, ἡγεῖτο τῆς
Ἐλλάδος ἄνθρωπος οὐκ εἰδὼς τὰ Ἐλλήνων, καὶ
οὐδ' οἱ "Ἐλληνές τι ἐκείνους ξυνίεσαν. ἐσφηλεν
οὖν καὶ ἐσφάλη τὰ πλεῖστα, οἱ γὰρ ξύνεδροί τε
καὶ κοινωνοὶ τῆς ἐν τοῖς δικαστηρίοις γνώμης
ἐκαπήλευν τὰς δίκας διαλαβόντες τὸν ἡγεμόνα,
ῶσπερ ἀνδράποδον. ταῦτά μοι, βασιλεῦ, παρέστη
τήμερον, εἰ δέ τι καὶ ἔτερον ἐπὶ νοῦν ἔλθοι, πάλιν
ξυνελευσόμεθα. νυνὶ δὲ τὰ προσήκουντα τῇ ἀρχῇ
πρᾶττε, μὴ ἀργότερος τοῖς ὑπηκόοις δόξης."

XXXVII

CAP.
XXXVII Ὁ δὲ Εὐφράτης, "τοῖς μὲν δεδογμένοις ξυγχω-
ρῷ," ἔφη, "τί γὰρ ἀν πλέον μεταδιδάσκων πράτ-
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your high position assigns to you, by accustoming them to think all the more humbly of themselves, because their master is so powerful. There remains only one topic to address you on ; it concerns the governors sent out to rule the provinces. Of those you will yourself select, I need say nothing, for I am sure you will assign commands by merit ; I only refer to those who will acquire them by lot. In their case too, I maintain, those only should be sent out to the various provinces so obtained who are in sympathy, so far as the system of appointing by lot allows of it, with the populations they will rule. I mean, that over Hellenes should be set men who can speak Greek, and Romans over those who speak that language or dialects allied to it. I will tell you what made me think of this. During the period in which I lived in the Peloponnese Hellas was governed by a man who knew as little of the Hellenes and their affairs as they understood of his. What was the result ? He was in his mistakes as much sinned against as sinner, for his assessors and those who shared with him judicial authority trafficked in justice, and abused his authority as if he had been not their governor but their slave. This, my sovereign, is all that occurs to me to-day ; but if anything else should come into my mind, we can hold another interview. So now apply yourself to the duties of your throne, lest your subjects accuse you of indolence."

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EUPHRATES declared his assent to all these conclusions, "For," said he, "what can I gain by

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CAP.
XXXVII τοιμι ; φιλοσοφίαν δέ, ὡ βασιλεῦ, τουτὶ γὰρ λοιπὸν προσειρήσει, τὴν μὲν κατὰ φύσιν ἐπαίνει καὶ ἀσπάζου, τὴν δὲ θεοκλυτεῖν φάσκουσαν παρατοῦ, καταψευδόμενοι γὰρ τοῦ θείου πολλὰ καὶ ἀνόητα ἡμᾶς ἐπαίρουσιν.” ταυτὶ μὲν πρὸς τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον αὐτῷ ἐλέγετο, ὁ δὲ οὐδὲν ἐπιστραφεὶς ἀπήγει μετὰ τῶν ἑαυτοῦ γνωρίμων, διανύσας τὴν σπουδὴν βουλομένου δὲ τοῦ Εὐφράτου θρασύτερόν τι περὶ αὐτοῦ λέγειν, ξυνῆκεν ὁ βασιλεὺς καὶ διακρουόμενος αὐτόν, “ἐσκαλεῖτε,” ἔφη, “τοὺς δεομένους τῆς ἀρχῆς καὶ ἀπολαβέτω ἡ βουλὴ τὸ ἑαυτῆς σχῆμα.”

Οὕτω μὲν δὴ ὁ Εὐφράτης ἔλαθε διαβαλὼν ἑαυτόν, καὶ γὰρ βάσκανός τε τῷ βασιλεῖ καὶ ὑβριστὴς ἔδοξε, καὶ τοὺς λόγους τοὺς ὑπὲρ τῆς δημοκρατίας οὐχ ὡς ἐγίγνωσκεν εἰρηκώς, ἀλλ’ ἐς ἀντιλογίαν τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου δι’ ἀ περὶ τῆς ἀρχῆς ἐκείνῳ ἔδόκει· οὐ μὴν ἀπερρίπτει αὐτόν, οὐδὲ ἐπεδήλου τι ὄργῆς πρὸς ταῦτα. καὶ τὸν Δίωνα οὐκ ἐπήνει μὲν ξυναράμενον αὐτῷ τῆς γνώμης, οὐ μὴν ἐπαύσατο ἀγαπῶν· ἐπίχαρις τε γὰρ τὰς διαλέξεις ἔδόκει καὶ τὰς ἔριδας παρηγεῖτο, ὥραν τε ἐπέφαινε τοῖς λόγοις, οἴα τοῦ πρὸς τοῖς ἱεροῖς ἀτμοῦ ἐκπνεῖ, προσῆν δὲ αὐτῷ καὶ τὸ ἀποσχεδιάζειν ἄριστα ἀνθρώπων. τὸν δὲ Ἀπολλώνιον ὁ βασιλεὺς οὐκ ἡγάπα μόνον, ἀλλὰ καὶ ὑπέκειτο αὐτῷ διιόντι μὲν τὰ ἀρχαῖα, διηγουμένῳ

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continuing to oppose such teaching? But, O my CHAP.
sovereign, I have only one thing left to say, and XXXVII
that is that while you approve and countenance that Euphrates
philosophy which accords with nature, you should seeks to
have nothing to do with that which affects a secret prejudice
intercourse with the gods, for we are easily puffed Vespaſian
up by the many absurdities this lying philosophy against
falsely ascribes to providence." The above remark
was aimed at Apollonius, who, however, without
paying any attention to it, departed with his com-
panions as soon as he had ended his discourse. And
Euphrates would have taken further liberties with
his character, only the emperor noticed it and put
him aside by saying, "Call in those who have business
with the government, and let my council resume its
usual form."

Thus Euphrates failed to see that he only prejudiced himself, and gained with the emperor the reputation of being a jealous and insolent fellow, who aired these sentiments in favour of democracy, not because he really entertained them, but only by way of contradicting the opinions Apollonius held in regard to the empire. Notwithstanding, the emperor did not cast him off or shew any resentment at his opinions. As for Dion, he did not cease to be fond of him, though he regretted his seconding the opinions of Euphrates. For Dion was a delightful conversationalist and always declined to quarrel. He moreover imparted to his discourses that sort of charm which exhales from the perfumes at a sacrifice; and he had also, better than any living man, the talent of extempore oratory. Apollonius The emperor not merely loved for his own sake, but was ever ready to listen to his accounts of antiquity, Description of Dion The emperor's love of Apollonius

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CAP.
XXXVII δὲ τὸν Ἰνδὸν Φραώτην, ποταμούς τε ἀναγυράφοντι καὶ θηρίᾳ, ὑφ' ὧν ἡ Ἰνδικὴ οἰκεῖται, προλέγοντι δὲ καὶ ὄπόσα οἱ θεοὶ περὶ τῆς ἀρχῆς ἔφαμον. ἐξελαύνων δὲ τῆς Αἴγυπτου ξυνφκισμένης τε καὶ νεαζούσης, κοινωνὸν μὲν τῆς ὁδοῦ τὸν Ἀπολλώνιον ἐποιεῖτο, τῷ δὲ οὐκ ἐδόκει ταῦτα· Αἴγυπτόν τε γάρ, ὅποση ἐστίν, οὕπω ἑωρακέναι, τοῖς τε Γυμνοῖς, οὕπω ἀφίχθαι εἰς λόγον, μάλα ἐσπουδακῶς σοφίᾳ Ἰνδικῇ ἀντικρίναι Αἴγυπτίαν. “οὐδὲ Νείλου,” ἔφη, “ἔπιον, ὅθεν ἄρχεται.” · ξυνεὶς οὖν ὁ βασιλεὺς, ὅτι ἐπ' Αἴθιοπίαν στέλλεται, “ἡμῶν δέ,” ἔφη, “οὐ μεμνήσῃ;” “νὴ Δί,” εἶπεν, “ἡν βασιλεὺς ἀγαθὸς μένης καὶ σεαυτοῦ μνημονεύης.”

XXXVIII

CAP.
XXXVIII Μετὰ ταῦτα θύσας ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐν τῷ ἵερῳ δωρεὰς ἐπήγγειλεν αὐτῷ δημοσίᾳ. ὁ δὲ ὥσπερ αἰτήσων, “τίνας δέ,” εἶπεν, “ὦ βασιλεῦ, δωρεὰς δώσεις;” “δέκα,” ἔφη, “νῦν, ἀφικομένῳ δὲ ἐς τὴν Ρώμην τάμα πάντα.” καὶ ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, “οὐκοῦν,” ἔφη, “φείδεσθαι με χρὴ τῶν σῶν ὡς ἐμῶν καὶ μὴ σπαθᾶν αὐτὰ νῦν ἀποκεισόμενά μοι ἀθρόα· ἀλλ’ ἐπιμελήθητι τούτων, ὦ βασιλεῦ, μᾶλλον, ἐοίκασι γὰρ δεομένοις.” ἐδείκνυε δὲ ἄρα τοὺς περὶ τὸν Εὐφράτην. ὁ μὲν δὴ βασιλεὺς
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to his descriptions of the Indian Phraotes, and to his ^{CHAP.} _{XXXVIII} graphic stories of the rivers of India, and of the animals that inhabit it ; above all to the forecasts and revelations imparted to him by the gods concerning the future of the empire. On quitting Egypt, after settling and rejuvenating the country, he invited Apollonius to share his voyage ; but the latter declined, on the ground that he had not yet seen the whole extent of Egypt, and had not yet visited or conversed with the naked sages of that land, whose wisdom he was very anxious to compare with that of India. "Nor," he added, "have I drunk of the sources of the Nile." The emperor understood that he was about to set out for Ethiopia and said : "Will you not bear me in mind ?" "I will indeed," replied the sage, "if you continue to be a good sovereign and mindful of yourself."

XXXVIII

THEREAFTER the emperor offered his sacrifice in the temple and publicly promised him presents. But Apollonius, as if he had a favour to ask, said : "And what presents, O king, will you give me ?" "Ten," he replied, "now ; and when you come to Rome everything I have." And Apollonius answered : "Then I must husband your riches as if they were my own, and not squander in the present what is hereafter to be reserved to me in its entirety. But I pray you, O king, to attend rather to these gentlemen here, for they look as if they wanted something." And suiting his words, he pointed to Euphrates

^{CHAP.}
_{XXXVIII}
The Emperor's gifts
to Euphrates
and Dion.

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CAP. XXXVIII ἐκέλευσεν αἰτεῖν θαρροῦντας, ἐρυθριάσας δὲ ὁ
 Δίων, “διάλλαξόν με, βασιλεῦ,” εἶπε, “πρὸς Ἀπολ-
 λώνιον τὸν διδάσκαλον ὑπὲρ ὧν ἀντιλέγειν αὐτῷ
 ἔδοξα, μήπω πρότερον ἀντειπὼν τῷ ἀνδρί.”
 ἐπαινέσας οὖν ὁ βασιλεύς, “χθές,” ἔφη, “τοῦτο
 ἐγὼ ἥτησα καὶ ὑπάρχει ἀλλ’ αἴτει ὑπὲρ
 δωρεᾶς.” καὶ ὁ Δίων, “Λασθένης,” ἔφη, “ἐστὶ
 μὲν ἐξ Ἀπαμείας τῆς ἐν τῷ Βιθυνῶν ἔθνει,
 ξυμφιλοσοφῶν δέ μοι χλαμύδος ἡράσθη καὶ
 στρατιώτου βίου· τοῦτον, ἐπειδὴ τρίβωνος πάλιν
 ἐρᾶν φησιν, ἄνεις τῆς στρατείας, δεῖται δὲ αὐτὸς
 ταῦτα. χαριεῖ δὲ ἐμοὶ μὲν ἀποφῆναι αὐτὸν ἄνδρα
 ἀγαθόν, ἐκείνῳ δὲ ζῆν, ὡς βούλεται.” “ἀνείσθω,”
 ἔφη, “δίδωμ δὲ αὐτῷ καὶ τὰ τῶν ἐστρατευμένων,
 ἐπειδὴ σοφίας ἐρᾶ καὶ σοῦ.” καὶ μετὰ τοῦτον
 ἐσ τὸν Εὐφράτην ἐπεστράφη, τῷ δὲ ἐπιστολὴν
 ξυνετέτακτο περὶ ὧν ἥτει. τὴν μὲν δὴ ἐπιστολὴν
 ὅρεγεν, ὡς ἀναγνωσομένῳ καθ’ ἑαυτόν, βουληθεὶς
 δὲ ὁ βασιλεὺς παραδοῦναι τινα κατ’ αὐτοῦ λόγον
 ἀνέγνω δημοσίᾳ πᾶσιν αἰτῶν δὲ ἐφαίνετο τὰ μὲν
 ἑαυτῷ, τὰ δὲ ἑτέροις, καὶ τῶν δωρεῶν αἱ μὲν
 χρήματα ἥσαν, αἱ δὲ ὑπὲρ χρημάτων. γελάσας
 οὖν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, “εἴτα ὑπὲρ δημοκρατίας,”
 ἔφη, “ξυνεβούλευες τοσαῦτα μέλλων αἰτήσειν
 βασιλέα; ”

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and his friends. The emperor accordingly pressed them to ask boldly what they desired, whereupon Dion with a blush said : "Reconcile me, O king, with Apollonius my teacher for that I lately ventured to oppose him in argument ; for never till now have I ventured to contradict him." The emperor, approving, said : "As long ago as yesterday I asked for this favour, and it is already granted. But do you ask for some gift." "Lasthenes," replied Dion, "of Apamea, a Bithynian city, who was my companion in philosophy, fell in love with the uniform and took to a soldier's life. Now, he says, he longs afresh to wear the sage's cloak, so would you let him off from the service, for that is the extent of his own request ; and you will confer on me the privilege of turning him into a saint, and on him the liberty of living as he wishes to." "Let him be released," said the emperor, "but I confer on him the rights of a veteran, since he is equally fond of wisdom and of yourself." Next the emperor turned to Euphrates, who had drawn up a letter embodying his requests, and held it out in expectation that his sovereign would peruse it in private. But the latter was determined to expose him to criticism, so he read it out loud before everyone ; and it was found to contain various petitions, some for himself, some for others ; and of the presents asked some consisted of cash down and others of credit notes. Whereupon Apollonius with a laugh remarked : "Then your intention of asking a monarch for all this did not prevent you from giving him that good advice in favour of democracy."

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XXXIX

CAP.
XXXIX Τὰ μὲν δὴ τῆς διαφορᾶς, ἡ Ἀπολλωνίφ τε καὶ Εὐφράτη ἐγένετο, τοιάδε εὑρον, ἔξελάσαντος δὲ τοῦ βασιλέως καθήπτοντο ἀλλήλων ἐς τὸ φανερόν, ὁ μὲν Εὐφράτης ξὺν ὄργῃ τε καὶ λοιδορίαις, ὁ δὲ αὖ φιλοσόφως καὶ ξὺν ἐλέγχῳ μᾶλλον. ὅπόσα μὲν δὴ Εὐφράτου κατηγόρηκεν, ως παρὰ τὸ πρέπον φιλοσοφίᾳ πράττοντος, ἔξεστιν Ἀπολλωνίου μαθεῖν ἐκ τῶν πρὸς αὐτὸν ἐπιστολῶν, πλείους γάρ· ἐμοὶ δὲ ἀφεκτέα τοῦ ἀνδρός, οὐ γὰρ ἐκεῖνον διαβαλεῖν προύθέμην, ἀλλὰ παραδοῦναι τὸν Ἀπολλωνίου βίον τοῖς μήπω εἰδόσι. τὸ μέντοι περὶ τοῦ ξύλου λεγόμενου, λέγεται δὲ ἐπανατείνασθαι μὲν αὐτὸ διαλεγομένῳ τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ, μὴ καθικέσθαι δέ, οἱ μὲν πολλοὶ δεινότητι τοῦ πεπληξομένου προσγράφουσιν, ἐγὼ δὲ λογισμῷ τοῦ πλήξοντος, δι’ ὃν ἐγένετο κρείττων ὄργης νευικηκυίας ἥδη.

XL

CAP.
XL Ἡ δὲ τοῦ Δίωνος φιλοσοφία ῥητορικωτέρα τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ ἐφαίνετο καὶ ἐς τὸ εὐφραῖνον κατεσκευασμένη μᾶλλον, ὅθεν διορθούμενος αὐτὸν φησιν, “αὐλῷ καὶ λύρᾳ μᾶλλον ἡ λόγῳ θέλγε,” καὶ πολλαχοῦ τῶν πρὸς Δίωνα ἐπιστολῶν ἐπιπλήττει τῇ δημαγωγίᾳ ταύτῃ.

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SUCH I find was the occasion of the quarrel between Apollonius and Euphrates ; and after the emperor had departed they openly attacked one another, Euphrates in his anger resorting to coarse insults, which his antagonist met in a philosophical spirit, only refuting him. His accusations, I may remark, of Euphrates to the effect that his conduct violated the decencies of the philosophical life, can be learned from the epistles Apollonius addressed to him, for they are not a few. For myself I herewith dismiss this gentleman ; for it is no part of my scheme to say ill of him, but only to furnish with a life of Apollonius those who were as yet ignorant. As to the tale of the stick, which he is said to have brandished against Apollonius when he was discoursing, though without applying it—most people attribute his having so refrained to the commanding dignity of the man he was about to strike ; but I prefer to set it down to the good sense of the would-be striker, and to think that it was that which enabled him to overcome an angry impulse which had all but overmastered him.

CHAP.

XXXIX

Quarrel be-
tween Apol-
lonius and
Euphrates.

XL

DION's philosophy struck Apollonius as being too rhetorical and overmuch adapted to please and flatter, and that is why he addressed to him by way of correction the words : “ You should use a pipe and a lyre, if you want to tickle men's senses, and not speech.” And in many passages of his letters to Dion he censures his use of words to captivate the crowd.

XL

The Sage

corrects

Dion.

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XI.I

CAP.
XLI. Τὸ δὲ μὴ ἀφικέσθαι αὐτὸν παρὰ τὸν βασιλέα
ἔτι, μηδὲ ἔυγγενέσθαι οἱ μετὰ τὴν Αἴγυπτον καίτοι
καλοῦντι καὶ πλεῖστα ὑπὲρ τούτου γράφοντι,
όπόθεν ἔυνέβη, δηλῶσαι βούλομαι· Νέρων ἐλευ-
θέραν ἀφῆκε τὴν Ἑλλάδα σωφρούνεστερόν τι
έαυτοῦ γνούς, καὶ ἐπανῆλθον αἱ πόλεις ἐς ἡθη
Δωρικὰ καὶ Ἀττικὰ, πάντα τε ἀνήβησε ἔյν
όμονοίᾳ τῶν πόλεων, δι μηδὲ πάλαι ἡ Ἑλλὰς εἶχεν,
Οὐεσπασιανὸς δὲ ἀφικόμενος ἀφείλετο αὐτὴν
τοῦτο, στάσεις προβαλλόμενος καὶ ἄλλα οὕπω τῆς
ἐπὶ τοσόνδε ὄργης ταῦτ' οὖν οὐ μόνον τοῖς
παθοῦσιν, ἀλλὰ καὶ τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ πικρότερα
τοῦ τῆς βασιλείας ἡθους ἔδοξεν, ὅθεν ἐπέστειλε
τῷ βασιλεῖ ὥδε.

'Απολλώνιος Οὐεσπασιανῷ βασιλεῖ χαίρειν.

'Εδουλώσω τὴν Ἑλλάδα, ὡς φασί, καὶ πλέον
μὲν οἵει τι ἔχειν Ξέρξου, λέληθας δὲ ἔλαττον ἔχων
Νέρωνος· Νέρων γάρ ἔχων αὐτὸν παρητήσατο.
ἔρρωσο.

Τῷ αὐτῷ.

Διαβεβλημένος οὕτω πρὸς "Ἐλληνας, ὡς δουλοῦ-
σθαι αὐτοὺς ἐλευθέρους ὄντας, τί ἐμοῦ ἔυνόντος
δέη; ἔρρωσο.

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XLI

I MUST also explain how it came about that he never approached the emperor again, nor visited him after their encounter in Egypt, although the latter invited him and wrote often to him in that sense. The fact is, Nero restored the liberties of Hellas with a wisdom and moderation quite alien to his character; and the cities regained their Doric and Attic characteristics, and a general rejuvenescence accompanied the institution among them of a peace and harmony such as not even ancient Hellas ever enjoyed. Vespasian, however, on his arrival in the country took away her liberty, alleging their factiousness with other pretexts hardly justifying such extreme severity. This policy seemed not only to those who suffered by it, but to Apollonius as well, of a harshness quite out of keeping with a royal temper and character, and accordingly he addressed the following letters to the Emperor:

“Apollonius to the Emperor Vespasian, Greeting.

“You have, they say, enslaved Hellas, and you imagine you have excelled Xerxes. You are mistaken. You have only fallen below Nero. For the latter held our liberties in his hand and respected them. Farewell.”

“To the same.

“You have taken such a dislike to the Hellenes, that you have enslaved them although they were free. What then do you want with my company? Farewell.”



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CAP.
XLII

Τῷ αὐτῷ.

Νέρων τοὺς "Ελληνας παιζων ἡλευθέρωσε, σὺ δὲ αὐτοὺς σπουδάζων ἐδουλώσω. ἔρρωσο.

Τὰ μὲν δὴ διαβάλλοντα Οὔεσπασιανὸν Ἀπολλωνίῳ τοιάδε ἐγένετο, ἀκούων δὲ αὐτὸν εὑ διατιθέμενον τὴν μετὰ ταῦτα ἀρχὴν πᾶσαν, οὐκ ἀφανῆς ἦν χαίρων καὶ ἡγούμενος ἐαυτῷ ἀγαθὸν πράττεσθαι.

XLII

CAP.
XLII

Θαυμάσιον Ἀπολλωνίου κάκεῖνο ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ ἔδοξε· λέοντα ἥμερον ἀπὸ ρυτῆρος ἡγέτις, ὥσπερ κύνα, ὁ δὲ οὐ μόνον τὸν ἄγοντα ἤκαλλεν, ἀλλὰ καὶ ὅστις προσέλθοι, καὶ ἡγειρε μὲν πολλαχοῦ τῶν πόλεων, παρήγει δὲ καὶ ἐς τὰ ἱερὰ ὑπὸ τοῦ καθαρὸς εἶναι οὐδὲ γὰρ τὸ τῶν θύομένων αἷμα ἀνελιχμάτο, οὐδὲ ἐπὶ τὰ δερόμενά τε καὶ ραχιζόμενα τῶν ἱερείων ἤττεν, ἀλλὰ μελιττούταις διήγετο καὶ ἄρτοις καὶ τραγήμασι καὶ κρεῶν τοῖς ἐφθοῖς, ἐντυχεῖν δὲ ἦν αὐτῷ καὶ οἰνον πίνοντι μὴ μεθισταμένῳ τοῦ ἥθους.. προσελθὼν δὲ τῷ Ἀπολλωνίῳ καθημένῳ ἐς τὸ ἱερὸν τοῖς τε γόνασιν αὐτοῦ προσεκυνυζάτο καὶ ἐλιπάρει παρὰ πάντας ἀνθρώπους, ὡς μὲν οἱ πολλοὶ φοντο, μισθοῦ ἔνεκα, ὁ δὲ Ἀπολλώνιος, "δεῖται μου," ἔφη, "ό λέων ἀναδιδάξαι ὑμᾶς, δτου ἀνθρώπου ψυχὴν ἔχει· ἔστι τοίνυν "Αμασις οὗτος, ὁ βασιλεὺς Αἰγύπτου περὶ τὸν Σαίτην νομόν." ἐπεὶ δὲ ἤκουσεν ὁ λέων ταῦτα, ἀνεβρυχήσατο ἐλεεινὸν καὶ θρηνῶδες καὶ ὠλοφύρατο

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"To the same.

CHAP.
XLII

"Nero freed the Hellenes in play, but you have
enslaved them in all seriousness. Farewell."

Such were the grounds of Apollonius' taking a dislike to Vespasian. However, when he heard of the excellence of his subsequent acts of government he made no attempt to conceal his satisfaction, but looked at it in the light of a benefaction conferred on himself.

XLII

THE following incident also of Apollonius' stay in Egypt was thought remarkable. There was a man led a tame lion about by a string, as if it had been a dog; and the animal not only fawned upon him, but on anyone who approached it. It went collecting alms all round the towns, and was admitted even in the temples, being a pure animal; for it never licked up the blood of the victims, nor pounced on them when they were being flayed and cut up, but lived upon honeycakes and bread and dried fruits and cooked meat; and you also came on it drinking wine without changing its character. One day it came up to Apollonius when he was sitting in the temples, and whined and fawned at his knees, and begged of him more earnestly than it had ever done of anybody. The bystanders imagined it wanted some solid reward, but Apollonius exclaimed: "This lion is begging me to make you understand that a human soul is within him, the soul namely of Amasis, the king of Egypt in the province of Sais." And when the lion heard that, he gave a piteous and plaintive roar, and crouching down began

The soul of
Amasis in-
habits a
lion.

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CAP. Ξυνοκλάσας, δάκρυα ἰεὶς αὐτά. καταψῶν οὖν
XLII αὐτὸν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος, “δοκεῖ,” ἔφη, “πέμπειν τὸν
λέοντα ἐς Λεοντόπολιν ἀνακεισόμενον τῷ ἵερῳ,
βασιλέα γὰρ ἐς τὸ βασιλικώτατον τῶν θηρίων
μεταβαλόντα οὐκ ἀξιῶ ἀγείρειν, καθάπερ τοὺς
πτωχοὺς τῶν ἀνθρώπων.” ἐντεῦθεν οἱ ἱερεῖς
Ξυνελθόντες ἔθυσαν τῷ Ἀμάσιδι, καὶ κοσμήσαντες
τὸ θηρίον στρεπτῷ καὶ ταινίαις παρέπεμπον ἐς
τὴν Αἴγυπτου αὐλοῦντες καὶ ὑμνοῦντες καὶ ἐπ’
αὐτῷ ἄδοντες.

XLIII

CAP. Ικανῶς δὲ ἔχων τῶν περὶ τὴν Ἀλεξάνδρειαν
XLIII ἐστέλλετο ἐς Αἴγυπτόν τε καὶ ἐς Αἰθιοπίαν ἐς Ξυν-
ουσίαν τῶν Γυμνῶν. τὸν μὲν δὴ Μένιππον, ἐπειδὴ
τῶν διαλεγομένων ἥδη ἐτύγχανε καὶ παρρησίᾳ
χρῆσθαι δεινὸς ἦν, κατέλιπεν αὐτόθι ἔφεδρον τῷ
Εὐφράτῃ, καὶ τὸν Διοσκουρίδην ἴδων οὐκ ἐρρω-
μένως πρὸς τὴν ἀποδημίαν διακείμενον παρη-
τήσατο τῆς ὁδοῦ, τοὺς δὲ λοιποὺς ξυναγαγών, μετὰ
γὰρ τοὺς ἀπολιπόντας αὐτὸν περὶ τὴν Ἀρικίαν
προσεγένοντο πλείους ἔτεροι, διήσει πρὸς αὐτοὺς περὶ
τῆς ἀποδημίας ἐνθένδε ἀρξάμενος. “Ολυμπικῆς
προρρήσεως,” ἔφη, “δέομαι πρὸς ὑμᾶς, ὡς ἄνδρες.
Ολυμπικὴ δὲ πρόρρησις ἡ τοιάδε εἴη ἄν. Ἡλεῖοι
τοὺς ἀθλητάς, ἐπειδὰν ἥκη Ὁλύμπια, γυμνά-
ζουσιν ἡμερῶν τριάκοντα ἐν αὐτῇ τῇ Ἡλιδί, καὶ
ξυναγαγόντες αὐτοὺς ὁ μὲν Δελφός, ὅτε Πύθια, ὁ
δὲ Κορίνθιος, ὅτε Ἰσθμία, “ἵτε,” φασίν, “ἐς τὸ
στάδιον, καὶ γίγνεσθε ἄνδρες οἷοι νικᾶν,” Ἡλεῖοι

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to lament, shedding tears. Thereupon Apollonius CHAP.
stroked him, and said : " I think the lion ought to XLII
be sent to Leontopolis and dedicated to the temple
there, for I consider it wrong that a king who has
been changed into the most kingly of beasts should
go about begging, like any human mendicant." In
consequence the priests met and offered sacrifice to
Amasis ; and having decorated the animal with a
collar and ribbons, they conveyed him up country
into Egypt with pipings, hymns and songs composed
in his honour.

XLIII

HAVING had enough of Alexandria the sage set CHAP.
out for Egypt and Ethiopia to visit the naked sages. XLIII
Menippus then, as he was by now a qualified disputant
and remarkably outspoken, he left behind to watch
Euphrates : and perceiving that Dioscorides had not
a strong enough constitution for foreign travel, he
dissuaded him from undertaking the journey. The
rest of his company he mustered, for though some
had left him at Aricia, many others had subsequently
joined him, and he explained to them about his
impending journey and began as follows :—

" I must needs preface in Olympic wise my ad-
dress to you, my brave friends ; and the following
is an Olympic exordium. When the Olympic games
are coming on, the people of Elis train the athletes
for thirty days in their own country. Likewise,
when the Pythian games approach, the natives of
Delphi ; and when the Isthmian, the Corinthians
assemble them and say : ' Go now into the arena
and prove yourselves men worthy of victory.' The

The Sage
leaves
Alexandria.

FLAVIUS PHILOSTRATUS

CAP. XLIII δέ, ἐπειδὰν ἴωσιν ἐς Ὀλυμπίαν, διαλέγονται πρὸς τοὺς ἀθλητὰς ὡδε· “ εἰ πεπόνηται ὑμῖν ἐπαξίως τοῦ ἐς Ὀλυμπίαν ἐλθεῖν καὶ μηδὲν ράθυμον μηδὲ ἀγεννὲς εἴργασται, ἵτε θαρροῦντες, οἵς δὲ μὴ ὡδε ἥσκηται, χωρεῦτε οἱ βούλεσθε.”

Ξυνῆκαν οἱ ὄμιληται τοῦ λόγου καὶ κατέμειναν ἀμφὶ τοὺς εἴκοσι παρὰ τῷ Μενίππῳ, οἱ δὲ λοιποὶ δέκα, οἷμαι, ὅντες, εὐξάμενοι τοῖς θεοῖς καὶ οίον ἐμβατήρια πλοῦ θύσαντες, ἔχώρουν εὐθὺν πυραμίδων ἐπὶ καμήλων ὄχούμενοι, δεξιὸν θέμενοι τὸν Νεῖλον. πολλαχοῦ δὲ διεπλεῖτο αὐτοῖς ὁ ποταμὸς ὑπὲρ ιστορίας τῶν ἐν αὐτῷ πάντων, οὔτε γὰρ πόλιν οὔτε ίερὸν οὔθ’ ὅπόσα τεμένη κατ’ Αἴγυπτον, οὐδὲν τούτων ἄφωνοι παρῆλθον, ἀλλ’ ίερούς τινας ἀεὶ λόγους διδασκόμενοί τε καὶ διδάσκοντες, καὶ ἡ ναῦς, ἦν ἐμβαίη Ἀπολλώνιος, ἐφύκει θεωρίδι.

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Eleans however on their way to Olympia address the CHAP.
athletes thus : ' If ye have laboured so hard as to be XLIII
entitled to go to Olympia and have banished all
sloth and cowardice from your lives, then march
boldly on ; but as for those who have not so trained
themselves, let them depart whithersoever they
like.' "

The companions of the sage understood his meaning, and about twenty of them remained with Menippus ; but the rest, ten in number, I believe, offered prayer to the gods, and having sacrificed such an offering as men offer when they embark for a voyage, they departed straight for the pyramids, mounted on camels and keeping the Nile on their right hand. In several places they took boats across the river in order to visit every sight on it ; for there was not a city, fane or sacred site in Egypt, that they passed by without discussion. For at each they either learned or taught some holy story, so that any ship on which Apollonius embarked resembled the sacred galley of a religious legation.

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