
Tertullian’s writings are the most important historical source for the development of ecclesiastical structures in the early third century. This book is devoted to Tertullian’s theology of the church and on his perception of church office and ministry. They are examined especially in regard to his later sympathizing with the Montanist new prophecy movement. The author argues that Tertullian’s ideas did not change fundamentally in the course of his career. This conforms with his view that, although Tertullian vehemently criticized the ecclesiastical hierarchy, he never really broke with the catholic church.

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The LGPN proceeds. After the first volume, which appeared in 1987 encompassing the Aegean islands and Cyrenaica, we now have at our disposal the second volume covering Attica. In the very same year, an overlapping publication was begun: J. S. Trail, *Persons of Ancient Athens*, vol. I: A- to Alexandros, Toronto 1994, pp. XXV, 339 (I know this work only from the review by K. Rigsby, BMCR 6, 1995, 218-225, where the works are compared; by the way, Rigsby’s criticism is partly exaggerated and not always with a sense of proportion and not always fair); twenty volumes are projected. The simultaneous appearance of these two works invites us to ask about scientific collaboration; it is indeed distressing that these two volumes should appear simultaneously and without reference to each other. So a great deal of labor has been duplicated to produce incompatible databases. But what a general reader needs, is a reliable and complete onomasticon of names in Athens, and for this purpose the British Academy volume is, in large measure, sufficient. Furthermore: how many readers will locate an obscure press and spend $125 in order to own 5% of the Athenians available from Oxford for $75 (but I would like to stress that I have not seen Trail’s volume so that a comparison should be put off to a later occasion). The volume under review will be unique in the series because of the significant role played by literary sources and the complexity of attestation of so many individuals. The Attic volume will also have far more users than the others in the British Academy Lexicon.

There is no room here for extensive criticism. As is known, the first volume was criticized from various standpoints, above all from the linguistic view. In the Attic volume such shortcomings of a linguistic nature are not so apparent, as there is more coherence without the variety of the numerous dialects. In my brief remarks I would only point out one principal disagreement as to the criteria for inclusion. The authors have decided, in accordance with the principle of the first volume, to banish from the Lexicon all those thousands of foreign residents with ethnics attested in tomb inscriptions, whilst including the mass of residents whose original provenance is unknown. Repatriating such metics to their home city, constitutes arguably an impoverishment of the onomastic record (as the authors themselves admit), since the length of their sojourn clearly may
have had an impact locally and enriched Attic onomastic customs. Athens was always teeming with foreign residents, and their name habits remained with their families and could be rooted during a few generations in Athenian name-giving.

Some details. The materials from the Christian period seem to be to some extent incomplete. Without spot-checking extensively, I mention one omission: 'Αννοσάσιος DChAE 2, 1894, p. 89 (my friend E. Sironen pointed out to me several such omissions from the late period. – Spelling variants are normalized tacitly (without cross-references; e. g. Βείθυς for Βίθυς), but why do cases such as 'Εστιαίος for 'Ιστιαίος constitute two different entries? It would also have been helpful to refer under Δινόσις to Διονύσιος or under Χρυσάριν to Χρυσάριν.

Heikki Solin


Questo libro è il primo di due volumi e contiene aspetti della sintassi dei nomi e del verbo, mentre nell'altra parte sarà inclusa la sintassi delle parti invariabili e del periodo. Secondo l'autrice il libro ha uno scopo soprattutto didattico ed ha come possibili lettori non solo gli studenti ma anche persone per le quali non è sufficiente un approccio esclusivamente morfologico al fatto linguistico. Per questo fine i dettagliati indici rendono l'uso del libro molto maneggevole.

Nel campo linguistico generale questo volume non offre molto, ma presenta una grammatica tradizionale nel senso normativo-prescritto senza alcuna discussione della variazione linguistica nei diversi generi dell'uso della lingua. D'altra parte, però, la prima parte dei capitoli tratta benissimo ed ampiamente della storia della ricerca linguistica antica citando ed analizzando la terminologia degli antichi grammatici. Nelle altre parti di ogni capitolo, poi, si commentano con vari esempi le particolari funzioni sintattiche dei casi, dei modi ecc. Tuttavia, si deve dire che lo scopo didattico soffre un poco per la mancanza di precisazione dell'oggetto dello studio in questione negli esempi dati. Sarebbe stato più pratico sottolineare i punti importanti, perché ora non è sempre del tutto manifesto ciò che l'autrice vuole mostrare, vedi per es. p. 41 nel caso di Nominativo anacolutico.

Alcuni errori di stampa sono rimasti, ma non sono gravi. Comunque, dev'essere άπερθετικόν non άμερθετικόν p. 32; nota 20 è 107 e nota 21 è 108 nella p. 68.

Martti Leiwo


Das Herauskommen dieses Buches ist viele Jahre lang mit großem Interesse von vielen Sprachwissenschaftlern, Philologen und Althistorikern erwartet worden; leider ist indes die Vollendung der vorliegenden Arbeit durch viele unerwartete, aber ganz verständliche und verziehliche äußere Hindernisse verzögert worden. Meiner Meinung nach