

F. JONES: *Nominum ratio*. Aspects of the Use of Personal Names in Greek and Latin. Liverpool Classical Papers No. 4. Liverpool Classical Monthly, Liverpool 1996. ISSN 09669000. 161 p.

The scope of this booklet, which originates from supplementary research conducted as an adjunct to a doctoral dissertation on Juvenal, is obscure. More importantly, it is not easy to see its utility, as it consists of a somewhat chaotic collection of various thoughts that the author has wanted to share with the reader. They often have very little or nothing to do with ancient name-giving, so one wonders what the proud title *Nominum ratio* actually means. In the first section dealing with magic and religion (where erotic graffiti from Pompeii are comprised!) the author chatters about this and that, but has very little to say about personal names. And so on.

It shows very clearly throughout the whole booklet that the author has only vague ideas of many central features of ancient onomastics, and his/her familiarity with modern scholarship shows many gaps; this is especially true for the literature written in languages other than English. In chapter 2, which deals with loss or avoidance of names (if I may say, the author's reflexions on this point are highly vague and obscure), when speaking about slave name giving, (s)he refers to an outdated and very mediocre article by M. L. Gordon from 1924, but not a murmur on the substantial contributions published since then. On the other hand, the footnotes comprise much useless ballast, and what is more aggravating, there are incomprehensible faults in the information offered in the notes. To take at random just one example, on p. 11 n. 51 the book of E. Lofstedt (sic!), *Tabu, Euphemism and Primitive Conception in Late Latin*, Oslo 1959 is mentioned. I have never heard of such a book.

Sat sapienti. It remains for me a mystery how such a piece, in the preface to which some outstanding scholars are thanked, has passed through the referees and has been accepted for publication in a renowned collection.

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*Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum*. Consilio et auctoritate Academiae Scientiarum Berolinensis et Brandenburgensis editum. Volumen sextum. Inscriptiones Urbis Romae Latinae. Pars octava. Titulos et imagines collegit Silvio Panciera. Fasciculus tertius. Titulos magistratuum populi Romani ordinum senatorii equestrisque thesauro schedarum imaginumque ampliato edidit Géza Alföldy, adiuvantibus Maria Letizia Caldelli, Laura Chioffi, Fritz Mitthof, Heike Niquet, Silvia Orlandi, Cecilia Ricci, Andrea Scheithauer, Manfred G. Schmidt, Gabriele Wesch-Klein, Christian Witschel, itemque Claudia Kramer, Jens-Uwe Krause, Peter Kruschwitz. Gualterus de Gruyter et Socii, Berolini – Novi Eboraci. MM (= 2000). ISBN 3-11-016090-0. Pp. I–XXXII, 4667–5294. DEM 598.

Plane mirum videtur fasciculum hunc tertium (partis scilicet octavae Corporis inscriptionum voluminis VI, id est urbani) edi potuisse tribus tantum annis post fasciculum alterum titulos imperatorum continentem, qui divulgatus est a. 1997. Id debetur industriae atque laboribus hominis rerum epigraphicarum peritissimi, Géza Alföldy (= G.A.) professoris Heidelbergensis, eiusdem ipsius, qui etiam fasciculum alterum edidit. Ut par est, in ipsa editione hic et illic usus est adiutoribus eis qui supra sunt memorati, in indicibus autem conficiendis adiutorem habuit nullum. Cum cogitamus, quae iam sit condicio