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Vigilantia custodiaque.

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A strata, phareta cum sagittis anteposita. Hippothoon Poëta robur hoc leoninum pulcherrimo descripsit senariolo, quem apud Jo. Stobæum invenimus: γῆαι λέοντος αἰγαλίωννερῶν, cuiusmodi verba senex ille dicit apud Aristophanem, Vespis, ἐγώ τοι νομίζω οὐδέποτε εἶναι κερτόν η πολλῶν κυκλικῶν νεανῶν. Leonis senectam, maxime florente hinnulorum juventute meliorem esse scribit Hippothoon; & senex ille Aristophanicus senectutem suam pubescenti multorum juvenum virtuti gloriabundus anteponit. Cicero vero in Officiis, vim non aliter Leoni peculiarem esse dicit, quam Vulpeculae fraudem.

VIGILANTIA CUSTODIAQUE. CAP. IV.

Verum enimvero, per Leonis caput Aegyptii fæcates vigilantiam atque custodiam ostendebant. Causam addebat, quod solum hoc ex animalibus recurvos ungues habentibus, simulatque natum est, certum, atque hinc Plutarchus solare animal Leonem haberi putat. Sane illi nomen ὁ δράκων τὸ γρεγῶν, inditum ajunt etymologiarum indagatores. Somni præterea parcissimi est, oculosque habet inter dormiendum splendescentes, ac quodammodo patefactos, quod in custodia signum recepero: & sane multi crediderunt Leones omnino insomnes esse, quod Manethon Agyptius in iis, quæ scriptis ad Herodotum tradit. Hujuscem rei argumentum nonnulli observavere, quod caudam assidue inter quiescendum motat. Cæterum incredibile est, ut putat Aristoteles, animal ullum perpetua uti vigilia: sed inde persuasi sunt, qui talia se observasse profitentur, quod Leo magnos habet oculos, palpebrasque perexiguae, ut non oculum possit penitus obtegere, intuentique splendor ille sepe offert, qui plurimus emicat ab ejus pupilla: quare semper somni expers esse videatur.

Cquapropter significanter admodum, non tantum Mycenarum portis, sed etiam reliquorum ^a ^b ^c ^d ^e ^f ^g ^h ⁱ ^j ^k ^l ^m ⁿ ^o ^p ^q ^r ^s ^t ^u ^v ^w ^x ^y ^z ^{aa} ^{bb} ^{cc} ^{dd} ^{ee} ^{ff} ^{gg} ^{hh} ⁱⁱ ^{jj} ^{kk} ^{ll} ^{mm} ⁿⁿ ^{oo} ^{pp} ^{qq} ^{rr} ^{ss} ^{tt} ^{uu} ^{vv} ^{ww} ^{xx} ^{yy} ^{zz} ^{aa} ^{bb} ^{cc} ^{dd} ^{ee} ^{ff} ^{gg} ^{hh} ⁱⁱ ^{jj} ^{kk} ^{ll} ^{mm} ⁿⁿ ^{oo} ^{pp} ^{qq} ^{rr} ^{ss} ^{tt} ^{uu} ^{vv} ^{ww} ^{xx} ^{yy} ^{zz} ^{aa} ^{bb} ^{cc} ^{dd} ^{ee} ^{ff} ^{gg} ^{hh} ⁱⁱ ^{jj} ^{kk} ^{ll} ^{mm} ⁿⁿ ^{oo} ^{pp} ^{qq} ^{rr} ^{ss} ^{tt} ^{uu} ^{vv} ^{ww} ^{xx} ^{yy} ^{zz} ^{aa} ^{bb} ^{cc} ^{dd} ^{ee} ^{ff} ^{gg} ^{hh} ⁱⁱ ^{jj} ^{kk} ^{ll} ^{mm} ⁿⁿ ^{oo} ^{pp} ^{qq} ^{rr} ^{ss} ^{tt} ^{uu} ^{vv} ^{ww} ^{xx} ^{yy} ^{zz} ^{aa} ^{bb} ^{cc} ^{dd} ^{ee} ^{ff} ^{gg} ^{hh} ⁱⁱ ^{jj} ^{kk} ^{ll} ^{mm} ⁿⁿ ^{oo} ^{pp} ^{qq} ^{rr} ^{ss} ^{tt} ^{uu} ^{vv} ^{ww} ^{xx} ^{yy} ^{zz} ^{aa} ^{bb} ^{cc} ^{dd} ^{ee} ^{ff} ^{gg} ^{hh} ⁱⁱ ^{jj} ^{kk} ^{ll} ^{mm} ⁿⁿ ^{oo} ^{pp} 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Sed enim intelligere etiam possumus dormisse eum sicut Leonem, ob splendescentes inter dormientium oculos, ut scilicet divinitatem ipsam cum eo nihil quicquam sopitam intelligamus. Quod autem de oculis inter dormiendum splendescensibus a nobis additum est, ea de causa factum, ut aurem iis velleremus, qui viri alioqui doetrina magni atque pii, in eo tamen lapsi sunt, quod animam Christi putarunt per tempus illud, quo corpus ejus sepulchro conditum fuit, apud inferos passam, quod humana ipsa natura piorum hominum audire reformidat. Animadverte autem Origenis traductionem Latinam loco hoc, ut fere passim, valde corruptam esse.

TERRIFICUS. CAP. V.

Agamemnonis clypeus. **A**TQUE eo quidem signo quo robur & vigilantiam indicabant, eodem & terrificum hominem, qui reliquos aspectu solo confundaret, significabant: cuiusmodi simulachrum in Agamemnonis clypeo fuisse, Pausanias testis est, ad formidinem alii incutiebant. Quod quidem scutum in Olympia templo per aliquot tempora pependerit, inscriptione etiam adiecta:

Οὐτοὶ μὲν φέρεται οἱ Θεοὶ, οἱ δὲ θάνατοι Αγαμέμνων.

Quod ita reddere possumus:

Terror hic est hominum, quique hunc gerit est Agamemnon.

a Plin. lib. 36. cap. 36. Leonis natura et forma dabilitas. Est autem Leo ejus natura, ut etiam si terum nihil moliatur, intuentes tamen terreat: ea est in oculis ejus vis, ea majestas. Unde tam Graci quam Latini Poëtae terrorem descripturi, comparationem ab hujusmodi animalis ferocia libertissime defumpserunt. Merito itaque Chabrias, Atheniensium dux, vel, ut alii, Philippus Macedo, dicere solebat, formidabilior esse Cervorum exercitum duce Leonem, quam Leonum duce Cervo. Atque tanta porro vis, tantusq; vigor animali alioqui robustissimo, ita in oculis consistere tota videtur, ut eorum vel minima offensione, supra quam credibile sit, debilitari videatur, levissimumque amictus objectu pecude ignavior fiat, quod & in theatris sapientius Roma spectavit, & Lysimachi exemplo comprobatum est, quem Alexander^b Magnus in idem claustrum cum ferociente Leone incluserat, ille vero hanc ingressus viam donita strangulataq; bellua, & Regi admirationi suit, & vita consiluit suz, meruitq; ut hujusmodi factum aeterna numismatum memoria prorogaretur. Quin non in oculis tantum ejus, terror, verum etiam in rugitu constat: itaque lindarus eum οὐεὶς εγμων, Olympiis, hoc est, Lare rugientem, vocat, Aegidamo, ut in Vulpes diximus. Id vero sit tanta ferarum omnium trepidatione, ut (quod Ambrosius cum Basilio testatur) animantium multa, quae vel ejus impetum per celeritatem evaserint, horrenda tamen ejus indignantis auditiva voce, veluti vi quadam percussa atq; attonita conseruentur, & plerumque ita deficiant praemeta perdita, ut nullo negotio capiantur. Quietiam qui per somnum imaginatus fuerit habere se Leoninum caput, Onirocritæ volunt eum in adversarios terribilem fore significari, nonnunquam vero & principatus & dominationes assicuratum. Ab hujusmodi vero rugitus magnitudine, Marcus, è quatuor Evangelistis unus, Leonis imagine, ut est à Daniele prævisus, ita in hodiernum usque diem hieroglyphice figuratur, quod ipso statim operis initio vocem in deserto clamantem ingenti ore tonat. Ita Eucherius.

DOMINATOR. CAP. VI.

Mulier Leonis pariens. Ovis Leonis. Societas Leonina quae. Sane Basilius Leonem pro Dominatore animalium rationis expertum ponit: observatumque est in ostentis, ut si forte mulier aliqua Leonem pariat, fore ut ab externis gentibus vinceretur ea Republica, in qua id contigisset: quod non in humano tantum genere, sed etiam in quocunque alio diversa formæ animanti pollere tantum comperias apud Aruspices. Observatum est in Cò insula, cum Ovis de gregi Nicippi cujusdam privati hominis Leonem peperisset, non fuisse hujus rei eventum irritum, arrepta inde ab eo dominatione. Hinc illa societas Leonina, quæ longe plura sibi affluit quam relinquat, de qua Arift. I. C. ex Ulpiano Cassium responsu referit: ^d Societatem talēm cogiri non posse, ut alter lucrum tantum, alter damnum sentire, & hanc societatem Leoninam solitum appellare. L. fl. XVI. 1. pro Socio. lxxix. & Dion Chrysostomus sermone περὶ βασιλεῖας, Homerum ait sapienter Bovis etiā quiparasle Agamemnonem eo versu:

Ηῦν βοῦς αὐχέληθι μέγ' ἔξοχος ἐπλετο πάνταν.

Minime vero vel Leoni vel Aquila similem dixit, propterea quod dominationis ea sunt exempla. SUM-