

ΠΛΑΤΩΝΟΣ ΓΟΡΓΙΑΣ

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[447] ΚΑΛΛΙΚΛΗΣ. πολέμου καὶ μάχης φασὶ χρῆναι, ὦ Σώκρατες, οὕτω μεταλαγχάνειν.

ΣΩΚΡΑΤΗΣ. ἀλλ’ ἦ, τὸ λεγόμενον, κατόπιν ἐορτῆς ἤκομεν καὶ¹ ὑστεροῦμεν;

ΚΑΛ. καὶ μάλα γε ἀστείας ἐορτῆς· πολλὰ γὰρ καὶ καλὰ Γοργίας ἡμῖν ὀλίγον πρότερον ἐπεδείξατο.

ΣΩ. τούτων μέντοι, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, αἴτιος Χαιρεφῶν ὅδε, ἐν ἀγορᾷ ἀναγκάσας ἡμᾶς διατρίψαι. [b]

ΧΑΙΡΕΦΩΝ. οὐδὲν πρᾶγμα, ὦ Σώκρατες· ἐγὼ γὰρ καὶ ἰάσομαι. φίλος γάρ μοι Γοργίας, ὥστ’ ἐπιδείξεται ἡμῖν, εἰ μὲν δοκεῖ, νῦν, ἐὰν δὲ βούλῃ, εἰς αὐθις.

ΚΑΛ. τί δαί,² ὦ Χαιρεφῶν; ἐπιθυμεῖ Σωκράτης ἀκοῦσαι Γοργίου;

ΧΑΙ. ἐπ’ αὐτό γέ τοι τοῦτο πάρεσμεν.

ΚΑΛ. οὐκοῦν ὅταν βούλησθε παρ’ ἐμὲ ἦκειν οἴκαδε· παρ’ ἐμοὶ γὰρ Γοργίας καταλύει καὶ ἐπιδείξεται ὑμῖν.

ΣΩ. εἴ λέγεις, ὦ Καλλίκλεις. ἀλλ’ ἄρα ἐθελήσειεν ἂν [c] ἡμῖν διαλεχθῆναι; βούλομαι γὰρ πυθέσθαι παρ’ αὐτοῦ τίς ἡ δύναμις τῆς τέχνης τοῦ ἀνδρός, καὶ τί ἐστὶν ὁ

¹ καὶ] *secl.* Cobet.

² τί δαί B : τί δέ mss.

THE GORGIAS OF PLATO

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CALLICLES: “It’s to war and battle, they say, that you should arrive in this way Socrates!” (447)

SOCRATES: “Don’t tell me we’ve ‘arrived after the feast’ and are late?”

Call. “Yes and quite a splendid feast it was: Gorgias has just finished a really fine performance for us.”

Soc. “Let me tell you, Callicles, it was Chaerephon here that made me late. He made us tarry in the agora.”

CHAEREPHON: “No problem, Socrates: I will make you whole as well. Gorgias is a friend of mine and so he’ll put together a performance for us – now if that seems best, or another time – whichever you want.”

Call. “What’s this, Chaerephon? Are you saying Socrates desires to hear Gorgias?”

Chaer. “Well that’s the reason we are here...”

Call. “Then just come to me, to my *house* that is, and *whenever* you want. It’s with *me* that Gorgias is lodging, and you’ll get your performance!”

Soc. “That’s kind of you, Callicles, but let me ask something. Would he be willing to *converse* with us? I want to get some information about the power of the fellow’s art, and what it is he professes to teach. As for a

ἐπαγγέλλεται τε καὶ διδάσκει· τὴν δὲ ἄλλην ἐπιδείξιν εἰς αὐθις, ὥσπερ σὺ λέγεις, ποιησάσθω.

ΚΑΛ. οὐδὲν οἶον τὸ αὐτὸν ἐρωτᾶν, ὃ Σώκρατες. καὶ γὰρ αὐτῷ ἐν τοῦτ' ἦν τῆς ἐπιδείξεως· ἐκέλευε γοῦν νυνδὴ ἐρωτᾶν ὅτι τις βούλοιο τῶν ἔνδον ὄντων, καὶ πρὸς ἅπαντα ἔφη ἀποκρινεῖσθαι.

ΣΩ. ἦ καλῶς λέγεις. ὦ Χαιρεφῶν, ἐροῦ αὐτόν.

ΧΑΙ. τί ἔρωμαι; [d]

ΣΩ. ὅστις ἐστίν.

ΧΑΙ. πῶς λέγεις;

ΣΩ. ὥσπερ ἂν εἰ ἐτύγγανεν ὢν ὑποδημάτων δημιουργός, ἀπεκρίνατο ἂν δήπου σοι ὅτι σκυτοτόμος· ἢ οὐ μανθάνεις ὡς λέγω;

ΧΑΙ. μανθάνω καὶ ἐρήσομαι. εἰπέ μοι, ὢ Γοργία, ἀληθῆ λέγει Καλλικλῆς ὅδε ὅτι ἐπαγγέλλη ἀποκρίνεσθαι ὅτι ἂν τίς σε ἐρωτᾷ;

[448] ΓΟΡ. ἀληθῆ, ὢ Χαιρεφῶν· καὶ γὰρ νυνδὴ αὐτὰ ταῦτα ἐπηγγελλόμην, καὶ λέγω ὅτι οὐδεὶς μέ πω ἠρώτηκε καινὸν οὐδὲν πολλῶν ἐτῶν.

ΧΑΙ. ἦ που ἄρα ῥαδίως ἀποκρίνει,¹ ὢ Γοργία.

ΓΟΡ. πάρεστι τούτου πεῖραν, ὢ Χαιρεφῶν, λαμβάνειν.²

ΠΩΛΟΣ. νῆ Δία· ἂν³ δέ γε βούλῃ, ὢ Χαιρεφῶν, ἐμοῦ. Γοργίας μὲν γὰρ καὶ ἀπειρηκέναι μοι δοκεῖ· πολλὰ γὰρ ἄρτι διελήλυθεν.

1 ἀποκρίνει T : ἀποκρινεῖ B : ἀποκρινῆ PF : ἀποκρίνη : ἀποκρινῆ Vat.

2 λαμβάνειν BTW : λαβεῖν F Olymp.

3 νῆ Δία· ἂν δέ γε] : Νῆ Δί' ἂν δέ γε Dodds.

performance let's just have that 'another time,' as you suggest."

Call. "There's nothing like asking the man himself, Socrates, since this was one of the elements of his display. Just now he invited anybody within to ask him whatever they wanted, and declared he would give an answer on any topic."

Soc. "That's quite something. Chaerephon, question him!"

Chaer. "What am I to ask him?"

Soc. "Who he is."

Chaer. "How do you mean?"

Soc. "If for instance he were a provider of shoes he would presumably respond he is a cobbler – or don't you get my meaning?"

Chaer. "I get it and I'll ask him. Tell me, Gorgias, is it true what Callicles here says, that you profess to answer whatever question a person asks you?" (448)

GORGAS: "True it is, Chaerephon, and in fact I was carrying out that exercise just now, and I can say that nobody has yet asked me a question too exotic to answer, for many years now."

Chaer. "It seems you really do have an easy time answering, Gorgias."

Gorg. "Now's your chance to try and test my claim, Chaerephon."

POLUS: "Yes by Zeus, if only you will spend that chance on *me*, Chaerephon! Gorgias seems to me to have begged off performing. After all, he's taken us through a lot just now."

ΧΑΙ. τί δαί,¹ ὦ Πῶλε; οἶει σὺ κάλλιον ἂν Γοργίου ἀποκρίνασθαι; [b]

ΠΩΛ. τί δὲ τοῦτο, ἐὰν σοί γε ἱκανῶς;

ΧΑΙ. οὐδέν· ἀλλ' ἐπειδὴ σὺ βούλει, ἀποκρίνου.

ΠΩΛ. Ἐρώτα.

ΧΑΙ. ἐρωτῶ δὴ. εἰ ἐτύγχανε Γοργίας ἐπιστήμων ὢν τῆς τέχνης ἥσπερ ὁ ἀδελφὸς αὐτοῦ Ἡρόδικος, τίνα² ἂν αὐτὸν ὠνομάζομεν δικαίως; οὐχ ὅπερ ἐκεῖνον;

ΠΩΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΧΑΙ. ἱατρὸν ἄρα φάσκοντες αὐτὸν εἶναι καλῶς ἂν ἐλέγομεν.

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΧΑΙ. εἰ δέ γε ἥσπερ Ἀριστοφῶν ὁ Ἀγλαοφῶντος ἢ ὁ ἀδελφὸς αὐτοῦ ἔμπειρος ἦν τέχνης, τίνα ἂν αὐτὸν ὀρθῶς ἐκαλοῦμεν; [c]

ΠΩΛ. δῆλον ὅτι ζωγράφον.

ΧΑΙ. νῦν δ' ἐπειδὴ τίνος τέχνης ἐπιστήμων ἐστίν, τίνα ἂν καλοῦντες αὐτὸν ὀρθῶς καλοῖμεν;

ΠΩΛ. ὦ Χαιρεφῶν, πολλαὶ τέχναι ἐν ἀνθρώποις εἰσὶν ἐκ τῶν ἐμπειριῶν ἐμπειρώς ἡρτημέναι· ἐμπειρία μὲν γὰρ ποιεῖ τὸν αἰῶνα ἡμῶν πορεύεσθαι κατὰ τέχνην, ἀπειρία δὲ κατὰ τύχην. ἐκάστων δὲ τούτων μεταλαμβάνουσιν ἄλλοι ἄλλων ἄλλως, τῶν δὲ ἀρίστων οἱ

Chaer. “My gosh, Polus, do you imagine *you* could do a finer job of answering than Gorgias?”

Pol. “What difference does that make as long as I’m able to answer well enough for *you*?”

Chaer. “None at all. Since *you* are willing, answer.”

Pol. “Ask.”

Chaer. “Ask I will. If Gorgias were a master of the art his brother Herodicus has mastered, who would we properly be calling him? Wouldn’t it be the same as we call his brother?”

Pol. “Quite so.”

Chaer. “So if we were saying he was a doctor we would be saying the right thing?”

Pol. “Yes.”

Chaer. “And if it were of the art of Aristophon the son of Aglaophon or his brother that he was master of, what then would we correctly designate him to be?”

Pol. “A painter, obviously.”

Chaer. “So given the art he *has* in fact mastered, by what professional designation would we correctly designate him?”

Pol. “Let me tell you, Chaerephon. Many are the arts in the world of man, invented as they have been out of devoted endeavor. For it is endeavor that ushers our lives along artfully, whereas without endeavor, life would proceed according to chance. Now of these arts, one man has a share of one and another of another, each in their different way; of the greatest of arts it is the greatest men

1 τί δαί B^{2 ss} : δέ mss. (edd.).

2 τίνα] τί Olymp.

ἄριστοι· ὧν καὶ Γοργίας ἐστὶν ὁδε, καὶ μετέχει τῆς καλλίστης τῶν τεχνῶν. [d]

ΣΩ. καλῶς γε, ὦ Γοργία, φαίνεται Πῶλος παρεσκευάσθαι εἰς λόγους· ἀλλὰ γὰρ ὁ ὑπέσχετο Χαιρεφῶντι οὐ ποιεῖ.

ΓΟΡ. τί μάλιστα, ὦ Σώκρατες;

ΣΩ. τὸ ἐρωτώμενον οὐ πάνυ μοι φαίνεται ἀποκρίνεσθαι.

ΓΟΡ. ἀλλὰ σύ, εἰ βούλει, ἐροῦ αὐτόν.

ΣΩ. οὐκ, εἰ αὐτῷ γε σοὶ βουλομένῳ ἐστὶν ἀποκρίνεσθαι, ἀλλὰ πολὺ ἂν ἥδιον σέ. δῆλος γάρ μοι Πῶλος καὶ ἐξ ὧν εἶρηκεν ὅτι τὴν καλουμένην “ῥητορικὴν” μᾶλλον μεμελέτηκεν ἢ διαλέγεσθαι. [e]

ΠΩΛ. τί δὴ, ὦ Σώκρατες;

ΣΩ. ὅτι, ὦ Πῶλε, ἐρομένου Χαιρεφώντος τίνος Γοργίας ἐπιστήμων τέχνης, ἐγκωμιάζεις μὲν αὐτοῦ τὴν τέχνην ὥσπερ τινὸς ψέγοντος, ἥτις δέ ἐστιν οὐκ ἀπεκρίνω.

ΠΩΛ. οὐ γὰρ ἀπεκρινάμην ὅτι εἴη ἡ¹ καλλίστη;

ΣΩ. καὶ μάλα. ἀλλ’ οὐδεὶς ἐρωτᾷ² ποία τις³ ἡ Γοργίου τέχνη, ἀλλὰ τίς, καὶ ὄντινα δέοι καλεῖν τὸν Γοργίαν· ὥσπερ τὰ ἔμπροσθέν σοι ὑπετείνετο Χαιρεφῶν καὶ αὐτῷ καλῶς [449] καὶ διὰ βραχέων ἀπεκρίνω, καὶ νῦν οὕτως εἰπέ τίς ἡ τέχνη καὶ τίνα Γοργίαν καλεῖν χρὴ ἡμᾶς. μᾶλλον δέ, ὦ Γοργία, αὐτὸς ἡμῖν εἰπέ τίνα σε χρὴ καλεῖν ὡς τίνος ἐπιστήμονα τέχνης.

1 ἡ BTP : *om.* F.

2 ἐρωτᾷ] ἡρώτα [*quaerebat* Ficinus] *coni. olim* Stallb.

3 εἴη *post* ποία τις *secl.* Burnet : εἴη *post* ποία τις BT : εἴη *post* Γοργίου F.

that have a share: one of these in fact is my man Gorgias here, and he has a share in the finest.”

Soc. “Finely indeed does Polus seem to come equipped for speaking, Gorgias, but he is not making good on his promise to Chaerephon.”

Gorg. “What can you mean by that, Socrates?”

Soc. “He is not really answering what he was asked.”

Gorg. “Well then *you* question him, if you please”

Soc. “In case *you* would want to answer I would much prefer to ask you. It’s clear, particularly from what Polus has just said, that he is well practiced in the ‘oratorical’ so-called, rather than in conversing.”

Pol. “How’s that, Socrates?”

Soc. “Well, Polus, though Chaerephon asked what art Gorgias was the master of, you praised the art as though someone were criticizing it, but you didn’t answer what it is.”

Pol. “So I didn’t answer that it was the finest.”

Soc. “Quite forcefully you did. However, nobody is asking you about the quality of Gorgias’s art but which art it is and which kind of professional Gorgias ought to be said to be. Just as before, when Chaerephon laid out some cases for you and you responded to him succinctly, (449) so now follow that method and say which is his art and what we are to call him. Or better, Gorgias, tell us on your own behalf what we are to call you, and of what art you are a master.”

ΓΟΡ. τῆς ῥητορικῆς, ὦ Σώκρατες.

ΣΩ. ῥήτορα ἄρα χρή σε καλεῖν;

ΓΟΡ. ἀγαθόν γε, ὦ Σώκρατες, εἰ δὴ ὁ γε εὐχομαι εἶναι, ὡς ἔφη Ὅμηρος, βούλει με καλεῖν.

ΣΩ. ἀλλὰ βούλομαι.

ΓΟΡ. κάλει δὴ. [b]

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ ἄλλους σε φῶμεν δυνατὸν εἶναι ποιεῖν;

ΓΟΡ. ἐπαγγέλλομαί γε δὴ ταῦτα οὐ μόνον ἐνθάδε ἀλλὰ καὶ ἄλλοθι.

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν ἐθελήσῃς ἄν, ὦ Γοργία, ὥσπερ νῦν διαλεγόμεθα, διατελέσαι τὸ μὲν ἐρωτῶν, τὸ δ' ἀποκρινόμενος, τὸ δὲ μῆκος τῶν λόγων τοῦτο, οἷον καὶ Πῶλος ἤρξατο, εἰς αὐθις ἀποθέσθαι; ἀλλ' ὅπερ ὑπισχνῇ, μὴ ψεύσῃ, ἀλλὰ ἐθέλησον κατὰ βραχὺ τὸ ἐρωτώμενον ἀποκρίνεσθαι.

ΓΟΡ. εἰσὶ μὲν, ὦ Σώκρατες, ἔναι τῶν ἀποκρίσεων ἀναγκαῖαι διὰ μακρῶν τοὺς λόγους ποιεῖσθαι· οὐ μὴν ἀλλὰ [c] πειράσομαί γε ὡς διὰ βραχυτάτων. καὶ γὰρ αὖ καὶ τοῦτο ἔν ἐστιν ὧν φημι,¹ μηδένα ἄν ἐν βραχυτέροις ἐμοῦ τὰ αὐτὰ εἰπεῖν.

1 ἔν ἐστιν BPFt : ἔνεστιν TW.

Gorg. “The oratorical, Socrates.”

Soc. “And so one ought call you an orator?”

Gorg. “A good one, Socrates, if you would call me ‘what I hope and brag to be’, as Homer puts it.”

Soc. “Surely I would.”

Gorg. “Then call me that.”

Soc. “And shall we also declare you able to make others into orators?”

Gorg. “Well, I do profess to do so, both here and elsewhere as well.”

Soc. “Would you perhaps be willing, Gorgias, to continue in the manner of our conversation just now, with first a man asking and then a man answering? As to this lengthy expression we just saw – the sort of exordium Polus launched into – might you be willing to put that off for another occasion? Make good on your promise, instead – don’t play false – and acquiesce to answer what is asked in the briefer manner.”

Gorg. “Among answers, Socrates, there really are some that must of necessity make their statements with length. Nevertheless, I assure you I will endeavor to make my answers as short as possible. In fact this, too, is one of the items I claim, that nobody could say the same thing in fewer words than mine.”

ΣΩ. τούτου μὴν δεῖ, ὦ Γοργία· καὶ μοι ἐπιδείξιν αὐτοῦ τούτου ποιῆσαι, τῆς βραχυλογίας, μακρολογίας δὲ εἰς αὐθις.

ΓΟΡ. ἀλλὰ ποιήσω, καὶ οὐδενὸς φήσεις βραχυλογωτέρου ἀκοῦσαι.

ΣΩ. φέρε δὴ· ρητορικῆς γὰρ φῆς ἐπιστήμων τέχνης [d] εἶναι καὶ ποιῆσαι ἂν καὶ ἄλλον ῥήτορα· ἡ ρητορικὴ περὶ τί τῶν ὄντων τυγχάνει οὕσα; ὥσπερ ἡ ὑφαντικὴ περὶ τὴν τῶν ἱματίων ἐργασίαν· ἢ γάρ;

ΓΟΡ. ναί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ ἡ μουσικὴ περὶ τὴν τῶν μελῶν ποίησιν;

ΓΟΡ. ναί.

ΣΩ. νῆ τὴν Ἥραν, ὦ Γοργία, ἄγαμαί γε τὰς ἀποκρίσεις, ὅτι ἀποκρίνη ὡς οἶόν τε διὰ βραχυτάτων.

ΓΟΡ. πάνυ γὰρ οἶμαι, ὦ Σώκρατες, ἐπιεικῶς τοῦτο ποιεῖν.

ΣΩ. εὖ λέγεις. ἴθι δὴ μοι ἀπόκριναι οὕτως καὶ περὶ τῆς ρητορικῆς, περὶ τί τῶν ὄντων ἐστὶν ἐπιστήμη; [e]

ΓΟΡ. περὶ λόγους.

ΣΩ. ποίους τούτους, ὦ Γοργία; ἄρα οἱ δηλοῦσι τοὺς κάμνοντας, ὡς ἂν διαιτῶμενοι ὑγιαίνουσιν;

ΓΟΡ. οὐ.

Soc. “I assure you that’s what we need, Gorgias. In fact make me a display of just this, of short speaking, and put off the display of lengthy speaking for another time.”

Gorg. “Alright I will: than nobody, you will say, have you heard a shorterspeaker.”

Soc. “To move on, then, you are claiming to be a master of the oratorical art and that you can make another man also an orator, but oratory: what things is it actually about? For example, weaving is about the manufacture of cloaks – right?”

Gorg. “Yes.”

Soc. “And musical art is about the composing of melodies?”

Gorg. “Yes.”

Soc. “Hera bless you, Gorgias! How I admire your answers, and how you are answering in the shortest possible way!”

Gorg. “The reason is that I think it quite appropriate to do this.”

Soc. “I am glad to hear it. So now answer me in the same way about the oratorical art, too: about which things is it a mastery?”

Gorg. “About speeches.”

Soc. “Just ‘speeches,’ Gorgias? The speeches that explain, in the case of the sick, what kind of regime would make them healthy?”

Gorg. “No.”

ΣΩ. οὐκ ἄρα περὶ πάντας γε τοὺς λόγους ἡ ῥητορικὴ ἐστίν.

ΓΟΡ. οὐ δῆτα.

ΣΩ. ἀλλὰ μὴν λέγειν γε ποιεῖ δυνατούς.

ΓΟΡ. ναί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν περὶ ὧν περ λέγειν, καὶ φρονεῖν;

ΓΟΡ. πῶς γὰρ οὐ;

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν, [450] ἦν νυνδὴ λέγομεν, ἡ¹ ἰατρικὴ περὶ τῶν καμνόντων ποιεῖ δυνατούς εἶναι φρονεῖν καὶ λέγειν;

ΓΟΡ. ἀνάγκη.

ΣΩ. καὶ ἡ ἰατρικὴ ἄρα, ὡς ἔοικεν, περὶ λόγους ἐστίν.

ΓΟΡ. ναί.

ΣΩ. τοὺς γε περὶ τὰ νοσήματα;

ΓΟΡ. μάλιστα.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ ἡ γυμναστικὴ περὶ λόγους ἐστίν τοὺς περὶ εὐεξίαν τε τῶν σωμάτων καὶ καχεξίαν;

ΓΟΡ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. καὶ μὴν καὶ αἱ ἄλλαι τέχναι, ὧς Γοργία, οὕτως [b] ἔχουσιν· ἐκάστη αὐτῶν περὶ λόγους ἐστίν τούτους οἱ τυγχάνουσιν ὄντες περὶ τὸ πρᾶγμα οὗ ἐκάστη ἐστίν ἡ τέχνη.

ΓΟΡ. φαίνεται.

Soc. "So oratory is not about any and all speeches."

Gorg. "Certainly not."

Soc. "But it does make people able to speak."

Gorg. "Yes."

Soc. "And to be knowledgeable about the topics about which it enables them to speak?"

Gorg. "Yes, how not?"

Soc. "So (450) to follow up on what we are now saying, it would be the medical art that enables persons to speak about and understand the sick."

Gorg. "Necessarily."

Soc. "So the medical art, too, is about speeches, as it seems."

Gorg. "Yes."

Soc. "Namely the speeches that are about diseases."

Gorg. "Exactly."

Soc. "The gymnastic art is also about speeches, those about the body being in good shape and bad shape."

Gorg. "Quite."

Soc. "And to be sure it's the same with the other arts, too. Each of them is about speeches, namely the ones that concern the activity that is the peculiar province of the art."

Gorg. "Seems so."

1 λέγομεν ἢ BWY : ἐλέγομεν ἢ V : λεγομένη F.

ΣΩ. τί οὖν δὴ ποτε τὰς ἄλλας τέχνας οὐ ῥητορικὰς καλεῖς, οὐσας περὶ λόγους, εἴπερ ταύτην ῥητορικὴν καλεῖς, ἢ ἂν ἦ περὶ λόγους;

ΓΟΡ. ὅτι, ὃ Σώκρατες, τῶν μὲν ἄλλων τεχνῶν περὶ χειρουργίας τε καὶ τοιαύτας πράξεις ὡς ἔπος εἰπεῖν πᾶσά ἐστιν ἢ ἐπιστήμη, τῆς δὲ ῥητορικῆς οὐδὲν ἐστιν τοιοῦτον χειρουργημα, ἀλλὰ πᾶσα ἢ πρᾶξις καὶ ἢ κύρωσις διὰ λόγων [c] ἐστίν. διὰ ταῦτ' ἐγὼ τὴν ῥητορικὴν τέχνην ἀξιῶ εἶναι περὶ λόγους, ὀρθῶς λέγων, ὡς ἐγὼ φημι.

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν μανθάνω οἷαν αὐτὴν βούλει καλεῖν; τάχα δὲ εἴσομαι σαφέστερον. ἀλλ' ἀπόκριναι· εἰσὶν ἡμῖν τέχναι. ἦ γάρ;

ΓΟΡ. ναί.

ΣΩ. πασῶν δὴ οἶμαι τῶν τεχνῶν τῶν μὲν ἐργασία τὸ πολὺ ἐστίν καὶ λόγου βραχέος δέονται, ἔναι δὲ οὐδενὸς ἀλλὰ τὸ τῆς τέχνης περαίνοιτο ἂν καὶ διὰ σιγῆς, οἷον γραφικὴ καὶ ἀνδριαντοποιία καὶ ἄλλαι πολλάι. τὰς τοιαύτας [d] μοι δοκεῖς λέγειν, περὶ ἧς οὐ φῆς τὴν ῥητορικὴν εἶναι· ἢ οὐ;

ΓΟΡ. πάνυ μὲν οὖν καλῶς ὑπολαμβάνεις, ὃ Σώκρατες.

ΣΩ. ἕτεραι δέ γέ εἰσι τῶν τεχνῶν αἱ διὰ λόγου πᾶν περαίνουσι, καὶ ἔργου ὡς ἔπος εἰπεῖν ἢ οὐδενὸς προσδέονται ἢ βραχέος πάνυ, οἷον ἡ ἀριθμητικὴ καὶ λογιστικὴ καὶ γεωμετρικὴ καὶ πεττευτικὴ γε καὶ ἄλλαι πολλάι τέχναι, ὧν ἔναι σχεδόν τι ἴσους τοὺς λόγους ἔχουσι ταῖς πράξεσιν, αἱ δὲ πολλάι πλείους, καὶ τὸ παράπαν πᾶσα

Soc. “And so just why do you not call the other arts oratorical arts, being as they are about speeches, if that is what you would say the oratorical art is, the art about speeches?”

Gorg. “Because, Socrates, the competence of the other arts lies in the work of the hands and other such actions if I may put it this way, whereas in oratory there is no such business at all with the hands. To the contrary, all its operation and all the success it achieves come through speech. This is the reason I make my claim that the oratorical art is about speeches, in a rigorous sense I would say.”

Soc. “Am I then catching on to what sort of thing you are calling it? Perhaps I'll know if only you'll answer: We have arts, right?”

Gorg. “Yes.”

Soc. “Now of all these arts, I fancy that some consist largely in activity and need a minimum of speech, while others need none at all but could complete what they do even in silence, like painting and sculpture and a lot of others. It is these sorts you seem to mean when you say they are not the oratorical art.”

Gorg. “You are taking up my meaning quite nicely Socrates.”

Soc. “But another group of arts execute their entire function through speech, needing no supplement of actions at all, if you will – or quite a small amount – like arithmetic and counting and geometry, and dice-playing for that matter, and many others – arts a few of which might have a virtually equal amount of speech as action, whereas the majority have more speech than action, so that viewed overall the entire ‘operation and success they

ἡ πρᾶξις καὶ τὸ [e] κῦρος αὐταῖς διὰ λόγων ἐστίν. τῶν τοιούτων τινά μοι δοκεῖς λέγειν τὴν ῥητορικήν.

ΓΟΡ. ἀληθῆ λέγεις.

ΣΩ. ἀλλ’ οὗτοι τούτων γε οὐδεμίαν οἶμαί σε βούλεσθαι ῥητορικήν καλεῖν, οὐχ ὅτι τῷ ῥήματι οὕτως εἶπες, ὅτι ἡ διὰ λόγου τὸ κῦρος ἔχουσα ῥητορική ἐστίν, καὶ ὑπολάβοι ἂν τις, εἰ βούλοιο δυσχεραίνειν ἐν τοῖς λόγοις, τὴν ἀριθμητικὴν ἄρα ῥητορικήν, ὥ Γοργία, λέγεις; ἀλλ’ οὐκ οἶμαί σε οὔτε τὴν ἀριθμητικὴν οὔτε τὴν γεωμετρίαν ῥητορικήν λέγειν.

[451] ΓΟΡ. ὀρθῶς γὰρ οἶει, ὦ Σώκρατες, καὶ δικαίως ὑπολαμβάνεις.

ΣΩ. ἴθι νυν καὶ σὺ τὴν ἀπόκρισιν ἥν¹ ἡρόμην διαπέρανον. ἐπεὶ γὰρ ῥητορική² τυγχάνει μὲν οὕσα τούτων τις τῶν τεχνῶν τῶν τὸ πολὺ λόγῳ χρωμένων, τυγχάνουσιν δὲ καὶ ἄλλαι τοιαῦται οὕσαι, πειρῶ εἰπεῖν ἡ περὶ τί ἐν λόγοις τὸ κῦρος ἔχουσα ῥητορική ἐστίν. ὥσπερ ἂν εἴ τις με ἔροιτο ὧν νυνδὴ ἔλεγον περὶ ἡστινοσοῦν τῶν τεχνῶν· ὦ Σώκρατες, τίς [b] ἐστίν ἡ ἀριθμητικὴ τέχνη; εἵποίμ’ ἂν αὐτῷ, ὥσπερ σὺ ἄρτι, ὅτι τῶν διὰ λόγου τις τὸ κῦρος ἔχουσιν. καὶ εἴ με ἐπανεῖροτο τῶν περὶ τί; εἵποίμ’ ἂν ὅτι τῶν περὶ τὸ ἄρτιόν τε καὶ περιττὸν γνῶσις,³ ὅσα ἂν ἐκάτερα τυγχάνη ὄντα. εἰ δ’ αὖ ἔροιτο τὴν δὲ λογιστικὴν τίνα καλεῖς τέχνην; εἵποίμ’ ἂν ὅτι καὶ αὕτη ἐστίν τῶν λόγῳ τὸ πᾶν κυρουμένων· καὶ εἰ ἐπανεῖροτο· ἡ περὶ τί; εἵποίμ’ ἂν ὥσπερ οἱ ἐν τῷ δήμῳ [c] συγγραφόμενοι, ὅτι τὰ μὲν

achieve’ comes through speaking – and it is to this last group that you seem to be arguing that the oratorical art belongs.”

Gorg. “True.”

Soc. “But still, you know, I’d guess you don’t want to call any one of this latter group oratorical, merely because on the face of it you have said that ‘the art that achieves what it achieves through speech is oratorical,’ so that a person could latch upon what you say, in a captious and literalistic way, ‘Therefore arithmetic is oratorical.’ No, I don’t think you are arguing that arithmetic or geometry is oratory.” (451)

Gorg. “You guess right, Socrates and have taken up my meaning fair-mindedly.”

Soc. “So then take your turn to complete your answer to the question I’ve asked. Since a certain one of these arts that operates largely by means of speech is oratorical, but there are in fact others that are of this kind, try and tell me *which* art, wielding its power through speech in *what* field, is the oratorical art? Just as if someone asked me, ‘Socrates, which art is the arithmetical art?’ I would give him the reply you just made, that it is one of the arts that wields its power through speech; and if he went on to ask, ‘Of those concerning what subject?’ I would say of that it is knowledge of those concerning the even and the odd, and how much each of these two are. And if he asked me another question, ‘And logistic: which art do you say *that* is?’ I would say that this one too belonged to the group that govern what they govern by means of speaking. But if he went on to ask, ‘Concerning what?’ I would answer, to adopt the style of the scrivener, that the logistic art is ‘the same as arithmetic in all the ways above’ – for it

1 ἥν] ἢ *coni.* Sauppe.

2 ῥητορική BTW : ἡ ῥητορική F.

3 γνῶσις] *secl.* Bekker.

ἄλλα καθάπερ ἡ ἀριθμητικὴ ἢ λογιστικὴ ἔχει—περὶ τὸ αὐτὸ γὰρ ἐστίν, τό τε ἄρτιον καὶ τὸ περιττόν—διαφέρει δὲ τοσοῦτον, ὅτι καὶ πρὸς αὐτὰ καὶ πρὸς ἀλλήλα πῶς ἔχει πλήθους ἐπισκοπεῖ τὸ περιττόν καὶ τὸ ἄρτιον ἢ λογιστική. καὶ εἴ τις τὴν ἀστρονομίαν ἀνέροιτο, ἐμοῦ λέγοντος ὅτι καὶ αὕτη λόγῳ κυροῦται τὰ πάντα, οἱ δὲ λόγοι οἱ τῆς ἀστρονομίας, εἰ φαίη, περὶ τί εἰσιν, ὦ Σώκρατες; εἴποιμ' ἂν ὅτι περὶ τὴν τῶν ἄστρον φορὰν καὶ ἡλίου καὶ σελήνης, πῶς πρὸς ἀλλήλα τάχους ἔχει.

ΓΟΡ. ὀρθῶς γε λέγων σύ, ὦ Σώκρατες. [d]

ΣΩ. ἴθι δὴ καὶ σύ, ὦ Γοργία. τυγχάνει μὲν γὰρ δὴ ἡ ῥητορικὴ οὕσα τῶν λόγῳ τὰ πάντα διαπραττομένων τε καὶ κυρουμένων τινῶν.¹ ἢ γάρ;

ΓΟΡ. ἔστι ταῦτα.

ΣΩ. λέγε δὴ τῶν περὶ τί ἐστὶ τοῦτο τῶν ὄντων περὶ οὗ οὗτοι οἱ λόγοι εἰσὶν οἷς ἡ ῥητορικὴ χρῆται;

ΓΟΡ. τὰ μέγιστα τῶν ἀνθρωπείων πραγμάτων, ὦ Σώκρατες, καὶ ἄριστα.

ΣΩ. ἀλλ', ὦ Γοργία, ἀμφισβητήσιμον καὶ τοῦτο λέγεις [e] καὶ οὐδέν πω σαφές. οἶμαι γὰρ σε ἀκηκοέναι ἐν τοῖς συμποσίοις ἀδόντων ἀνθρώπων τοῦτο τὸ σκολιόν, ἐν ᾧ καταριθμοῦνται ἀδόντες ὅτι “ὑγιαίνειν μὲν ἄριστόν” ἐστίν, τὸ δὲ “δεύτερον καλὸν γενέσθαι, τρίτον δέ,” ὡς φησιν ὁ ποιητὴς τοῦ σκολιοῦ, “τὸ πλουτεῖν ἀδόλως.”

[452] ΓΟΡ. ἀκήκοα γάρ· ἀλλὰ πρὸς τί τοῦτο λέγεις;

concerns the same thing, the even and the odd – but it differs to this degree, that the art that takes charge of the questions of how these relate to themselves and to each other in quantity is the art of logistic. And say someone should challenge me on astronomy, once I had said it wields its entire authority by means of speech, and should ask me, ‘But these speeches that belong to astronomy: what are they about, Socrates?’ I would say they are about the movement of the stars and the sun and the moon, and their relative velocities.”

Gorg. “And you would be speaking properly, Socrates.”

Soc. “So now you take a turn, Gorgias. The fact is that the oratorical art is among those that carry out their entire activity and wield all their power by means of speech, correct?”

Gorg. “So it is.”

Soc. “So, out of those, try to tell us concerning what is it that, out of all entities, the speeches the oratorical art uses are about?”

Gorg. “The most important of all human things, Socrates, and indeed the best.”

Soc. “But Gorgias, you are asserting something again disputable and therefore not yet definitive. I imagine you have heard men singing that ditty at drinking parties, in which they list off in song how “being healthy is the best thing but the second is to become beautiful, while the third (quoting still from the author of the ditty) is to become wealthy, fair and square.” (452)

Gorg. “Yes I have heard it, but what is the connection?”

1 τινῶν BTW : τις *supersc.* f Y Par² : om. F.

ΣΩ. ὅτι εἴ σοι αὐτίκα παρασταῖεν¹ οἱ δημιουργοὶ τούτων ὧν ἐπήνεσεν ὁ τὸ σκολιὸν ποιήσας, ἰατρός τε καὶ παιδοτρίβης καὶ χρηματιστής, καὶ εἴποι πρῶτον μὲν ὁ ἰατρός ὅτι “ὦ Σώκρατες, ἐξαπατᾷ σε Γοργίας· οὐ γάρ ἐστιν ἢ τούτου τέχνη περὶ τὸ μέγιστον ἀγαθὸν τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, ἀλλ’ ἢ ἐμή” —εἰ οὖν αὐτὸν ἐγὼ ἐροίμην, “σὺ δὲ τίς ὧν ταῦτα λέγεις;” εἴποι ἂν ἴσως ὅτι ἰατρός. τί οὖν λέγεις; ἢ τὸ τῆς σῆς τέχνης ἔργον μέγιστόν ἐστιν ἀγαθόν; “πῶς γὰρ οὐ,” φαίη ἂν ἴσως, “ὦ Σώκρατες, ὑγεία; τί δ’ ἐστὶν μείζον ἀγαθὸν [b] ἀνθρώποις ὑγείας;” εἰ δ’ αὖ μετὰ τοῦτον ὁ παιδοτρίβης εἴποι ὅτι “θαυμάζοιμί τᾶν, ὦ Σώκρατες, καὶ αὐτὸς εἴ σοι ἔχει² Γοργίας μείζον ἀγαθὸν ἐπιδείξαι τῆς αὐτοῦ τέχνης ἢ ἐγὼ τῆς ἐμῆς,” εἴποιμ’ ἂν αὖ καὶ πρὸς τοῦτον· σὺ δὲ δὴ τίς εἶ, ὦ ἄνθρωπε, καὶ τί τὸ σὸν ἔργον; “παιδοτρίβης, φαίη ἂν, τὸ δὲ ἔργον μού ἐστιν καλοῦς τε καὶ ἰσχυροῦς ποιεῖν τοὺς ἀνθρώπους τὰ σώματα.” μετὰ δὲ³ τὸν παιδοτρίβην εἴποι ἂν ὁ χρηματιστής, ὡς ἐγῶμαι πάνυ καταφρονῶν ἀπάντων· [c] “σκόπει δῆτα, ὦ Σώκρατες, ἐάν σοι πλούτου φανῇ τι μείζον ἀγαθὸν ὃν ἢ παρὰ Γοργία ἢ παρ’ ἄλλῳ ὀφροῦν.” φαῖμεν ἂν οὖν πρὸς αὐτόν· τί δὲ δῆ; ἢ σὺ τούτου δημιουργός; φαίη ἂν. τίς ὧν; “χρηματιστής.” τί οὖν; κρίνεις σὺ μέγιστον ἀνθρώποις ἀγαθὸν εἶναι πλοῦτον; φήσομεν. “πῶς γὰρ οὐκ;” ἐρεῖ. καὶ μὴν ἀμφισβητεῖ γε Γοργίας ὅδε τὴν παρ’ αὐτῷ τέχνην μείζονος ἀγαθοῦ αἰτίαν εἶναι ἢ τὴν σὴν, φαῖμεν ἂν ἡμεῖς. δῆλον οὖν ὅτι τὸ μετὰ τοῦτο ἔροιτ’ ἂν·

Soc. “Here is the connection: Let’s imagine the providers of those things the poet praised in his ditty showing up at your side – the doctor that is, and the trainer and the businessman – and let’s say the first to speak was the doctor and he said, ‘Socrates, Gorgias is deceiving you. Your fellow’s art concerns not the most important good for men – but mine does!’ If I then asked him, ‘But you, what kind of artist are you to say that?’ He would probably answer that he is a doctor. ‘What, then, are you saying? That the thing your art achieves is the most important good?’ ‘How could that not be health, Socrates? What greater good is there for mankind than health?’

“Imagine then that the trainer would argue, ‘I, too, would be surprised, Socrates, if Gorgias has a more important good to display coming from his art than I have coming from mine.’ I would again respond by asking, ‘But you, sir – who are you and what is it that you produce?’ ‘Trainer’s my name, beauty and strength for men’s bodies is my game.’

“After the trainer the businessman would speak, with scorn I imagine against each and all: ‘Think about it, Socrates! Is there going to be some obvious better than wealth, in your eyes, whether it be what you get by associating with Gorgias or with anybody else?’ We would reply, ‘Aha! Is that what *you* provide?’ He would say it is, and we would ask, ‘But being who?’ ‘A businessman;’ and we will say, ‘And *you* for your part choose wealth to be the most important good for mankind?’ and he would reply, ‘How could it not be?’ We would say, ‘Yet my man Gorgias here disputes this, and says the art one gets in *his* company results in a more important good than yours does,’ to which he would

1 εἴ σοι F : σοι BTP || αὐτίκα BTPF : αὐτίκ’ ἂν Y f vet. edd.

2 ἔχει PWF : ἔχει BT.

3 δὲ Y : δὴ BTPF : δὲ δὴ con. Deuschle-Cron.

“καὶ τί ἐστὶν [d] τοῦτο τὸ ἀγαθόν; ἀποκρινάσθω Γοργίας.”

ἴθι οὖν νομίσας, ὦ Γοργία, ἐρωτᾶσθαι καὶ ὑπ’ ἐκείνων καὶ ὑπ’ ἐμοῦ, ἀπόκριναι τί ἐστὶν τοῦτο ὃ φῆς σὺ μέγιστον ἀγαθὸν εἶναι τοῖς ἀνθρώποις καὶ σὲ δημιουργὸν εἶναι αὐτοῦ.

ΓΟΡ. ὅπερ ἐστίν, ὦ Σώκρατες, τῇ ἀληθείᾳ μέγιστον ἀγαθὸν καὶ αἴτιον ἅμα μὲν ἐλευθερίας αὐτοῖς τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, ἅμα δὲ τοῦ¹ ἄλλων ἄρχειν ἐν τῇ αὐτοῦ πόλει ἐκάστω.

ΣΩ. τί οὖν δὴ τοῦτο λέγεις; [e]

ΓΟΡ. τὸ πείθειν ἔγωγ’ οἷόν τ’ εἶναι τοῖς λόγοις καὶ ἐν δικαστηρίῳ δικαστὰς καὶ ἐν βουλευτηρίῳ βουλευτὰς καὶ ἐν ἐκκλησίᾳ ἐκκλησιαστὰς καὶ ἐν ἄλλῳ συλλόγῳ παντί, ὅστις ἂν πολιτικὸς σύλλογος γίγνηται. καίτοι ἐν ταύτῃ τῇ δυνάμει δοῦλον μὲν ἔξεις τὸν ἰατρόν, δοῦλον δὲ τὸν παιδοτρίβην· ὁ δὲ χρηματιστὴς οὗτος ἄλλῳ ἀναφανήσεται χρηματιζόμενος καὶ οὐχ αὐτῷ, ἀλλὰ σοὶ τῷ δυναμένῳ λέγειν καὶ πείθειν τὰ πλήθη.

ΣΩ. νῦν μοι δοκεῖς δηλῶσαι, ὦ Γοργία, ἐγγύτατα τὴν [453] ῥητορικὴν ἦντινα τέχνην ἡγῇ εἶναι, καὶ εἴ τι ἐγὼ συνίημι, λέγεις ὅτι πειθοῦς δημιουργὸς ἐστὶν ἡ ῥητορικὴ, καὶ ἡ πραγματεία αὐτῆς ἅπασα καὶ τὸ κεφάλαιον εἰς τοῦτο τελευτᾷ· ἡ ἔχεις τι λέγειν ἐπὶ πλέον τὴν ῥητορικὴν δύνασθαι ἢ πειθῶ τοῖς ἀκούουσιν ἐν τῇ ψυχῇ ποιεῖν;

surely reply, ‘And just what is this good you are referring to? Let me hear it from Gorgias!’

“So come along, Gorgias. Take it that you were being asked this question both by them and also by me, and answer what is this thing you, for your part, declare is the most important good for mankind, and that you are the professional that brings it about.”

Gorg. “The thing, as I said before, Socrates, that is the most important good, in truth, and is what confers freedom upon the men that have it, and the power to control others in his respective city.”

Soc. “So what is it that you describe in this way?”

Gorg. “Persuading. Being able to persuade with speeches, whether it be in a law court the jurors or in the council the councillors or in the assembly the assemblymen or in any other gathering, whatever constitutes a political gathering. Let it be known that this power will in turn place that doctor in your thrall, and that trainer in your thrall, and as for that businessman of yours, he will find himself doing business for somebody else and not himself, namely for *you*, the man who is able to speak and thereby persuade these several masses.”

Soc. “Now, I think, you are coming as close as one can hope, Gorgias, to having revealed what art you take the oratorical art (453) to be. You are saying, in fact, if I basically get your meaning, that the oratorical art is a ‘producer of belief,’ and that this, on the whole and in chief part, is what it busies itself to achieve. Or is there something more you can say oratory is able to do, beyond creating persuasion in the soul of those who are listening?”

1 τοῦ BTPf: τῶν F.

ΓΟΡ. οὐδαμῶς, ὦ Σώκρατες, ἀλλὰ μοι δοκεῖς ἱκανῶς ὀρίζεσθαι· ἔστιν γὰρ τοῦτο τὸ κεφάλαιον αὐτῆς.

ΣΩ. ἀκουσον δὴ, ὦ Γοργία. ἐγὼ γὰρ εὖ ἴσθ' ὅτι, ὡς [b] ἐμαυτὸν πείθω, εἴπερ τις ἄλλος ἄλλω διαλέγεται βουλόμενος εἰδέναι αὐτὸ τοῦτο περὶ ὅτου ὁ λόγος ἐστίν, καὶ ἐμὲ εἶναι τούτων ἓνα· ἀξιῶ δὲ καὶ σέ.

ΓΟΡ. τί οὖν δὴ, ὦ Σώκρατες;

ΣΩ. ἐγὼ ἐρῶ νῦν. ἐγὼ τὴν ἀπὸ τῆς ῥητορικῆς πειθῶ, ἥτις ποτ' ἐστὶν ἣν σὺ λέγεις καὶ περὶ ὄντινων πραγμάτων ἐστὶν πειθῶ, σαφῶς μὲν εὖ ἴσθ' ὅτι οὐκ οἶδα, οὐ μὴν ἀλλ' ὑποπτεύω γε ἣν οἶμαί σε λέγειν καὶ περὶ ὧν· οὐδὲν μέντοι ἥττον ἐρήσομαι σε τίνα ποτὲ λέγεις τὴν πειθῶ τὴν ἀπὸ τῆς [c] ῥητορικῆς καὶ περὶ τίνων αὐτὴν εἶναι. τοῦ ἔνεκα δὴ αὐτὸς ὑποπτεύων σὲ ἐρήσομαι, ἀλλ' οὐκ αὐτὸς λέγω; οὐ σοῦ ἔνεκα ἀλλὰ τοῦ λόγου, ἵνα οὕτω προῖη ὡς μάλιστ' ἂν ἡμῖν καταφανὲς ποιοῖ περὶ ὅτου λέγεται. σκόπει γὰρ εἴ σοι δοκῶ δικαίως ἀνερωτᾶν σε· ὥσπερ ἂν εἰ ἐτύγχανόν σε ἐρωτῶν τίς ἐστὶν τῶν ζωγράφων Ζεῦξις, εἴ μοι εἶπες ὅτι ὁ τὰ ζῶα γράφων, ἄρ' οὐκ ἂν δικαίως σε ἠρόμην ὁ τὰ ποῖα τῶν ζώων γράφων καὶ ποῦ;¹

ΓΟΡ. πάνυ γε. [d]

ΣΩ. ἄρα διὰ τοῦτο, ὅτι καὶ ἄλλοι εἰσὶ ζωγράφοι γράφοντες ἄλλα πολλὰ ζῶα;

ΓΟΡ. ναί.

¹ καὶ ποῦ] πῶς Ficinus [*quo pacto*] *coni.* Routh : τοῦ *coni.* Coraes : πόσου *coni.* Heindorf : ἢ οὐ *coni.* Woolsey.

Gorg. “Nothing at all, Socrates. You have marked it off adequately: this is its chief element.”

Soc. “So listen, Gorgias. When it comes to me, you may be sure, as I have persuaded myself, if *anybody* who is conversing with someone wants to know just what it is they are talking about, I am surely one of those people – and I would think this much of you, too.”

Gorg. “But what do you make of this?”

Soc. “I’ll tell you straight. For me, as to this persuasion that comes from the oratorical art, as to what it is that you are talking about and about what things, you may be sure that I do not know *exactly* what you have in mind, despite the fact that I do have my suspicions as to what you are saying it is and about what. Nevertheless, I will ask you what is the persuasion you are saying comes from oratory, and about what things. But why do I ask you when I have suspicions of my own, rather than taking the initiative to say what those suspicions are? It is not out of deference to you personally but deference to our discussion, so that it might proceed in such a way as to make as clear and certain as possible what is being discussed. Consider therefore and decide whether I am justified in putting this question to you – just as if I were now asking who is Zeuxis among the portrait painters and you said he is the one that paints portraits: wouldn’t I be justified to press the further question, ‘The one who paints which kinds of portraits, and where?’”

Gorg. “Quite justified.”

Soc. “And isn’t that because there are other portrait painters painting lots of other kinds of portraits?”

Gorg. “Yes.”

ΣΩ. εἰ δέ γε μηδεὶς ἄλλος ἢ Ζεῦξις ἔγραφε, καλῶς ἂν σοι ἀπεκέκριτο;

ΓΟΡ. πῶς γὰρ οὐ;

ΣΩ. ἴθι δὴ καὶ περὶ τῆς ῥητορικῆς εἰπέ· πότερόν σοι δοκεῖ πειθὼ ποιεῖν ἢ ῥητορικὴ μόνη ἢ καὶ ἄλλαι τέχναι; λέγω δὲ τὸ τοιόνδε· ὅστις διδάσκει ὅτιοῦν πράγμα, πότερον ὃ διδάσκει πείθει ἢ οὐ;

ΓΟΡ. οὐ δῆτα, ὦ Σώκρατες, ἀλλὰ πάντων μάλιστα πείθει. [e]

ΣΩ. πάλιν δὴ ἐπὶ τῶν αὐτῶν τεχνῶν λέγωμεν ὥνπερ νυνδὴ· ἢ ἀριθμητικὴ οὐ διδάσκει ἡμᾶς ὅσα ἐστὶν τὰ τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ, καὶ ὁ ἀριθμητικὸς ἄνθρωπος;

ΓΟΡ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ πείθει;

ΓΟΡ. ναί.

ΣΩ. πειθοῦς ἄρα δημιουργὸς ἐστὶν καὶ ἡ ἀριθμητικὴ;

ΓΟΡ. φαίνεται.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν ἐάν τις ἐρωτᾷ ἡμᾶς ποίας πειθοῦς καὶ περὶ τί, ἀποκρινοῦμεθά που αὐτῷ ὅτι τῆς διδασκαλικῆς τῆς περὶ τὸ [454] ἄρτιόν τε καὶ τὸ περιττόν ὅσον ἐστίν· καὶ τὰς ἄλλας αἷς νυνδὴ ἐλέγομεν τέχνας ἀπάσας ἔξομεν ἀποδείξαι πειθοῦς δημιουργοὺς οὕσας καὶ ἥστινος καὶ περὶ ὅτι· ἢ οὐ;

ΓΟΡ. ναί.

ΣΩ. οὐκ ἄρα ῥητορικὴ μόνη πειθοῦς ἐστὶν δημιουργός.

Soc. “Whereas if on the other hand nobody else than Zeuxis were painting, in that case you would have already acquitted yourself of answering well?”

Gorg. “How not?”

Soc. “Then come and tell about the oratorical art. Do you think that it alone produces persuasion, or do other arts do this also? I mean the following sort of thing: if you have a person who teaches something – anything – is he persuading in connection with what he is teaching?”

Gorg. “No indeed, Socrates. He is persuading more than anyone!”

Soc. “So then let’s go through the same arts we just went through. Arithmetic teaches us how big a number is, as does the arithmetical man.”

Gorg. “Quite.”

Soc. “Does it also persuade?”

Gorg. “Yes”

Soc. “And so the arithmetical art is also a ‘belief producer’.”

Gorg. “It appears so.”

Soc. “And if someone asks us, ‘Of what sort of persuasion and persuasion about what?’ I presume we will answer him by saying it is a teacherly persuasion about numbers (454) and how large they are. And we will be able to show in the case of each and every one of the arts we reviewed before that they are ‘persuasion producers,’ and what sort of persuasion they provide and about what – no?”

Gorg. “Yes.”

Soc. “Therefore it is not only the oratorical art that is a ‘persuasion producer’.”

ΓΟΡ. ἀληθῆ λέγεις.

ΣΩ. ἐπεὶ δὲ τοίνυν οὐ μόνη ἀπεργάζεται τοῦτο τὸ ἔργον, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἄλλαι, δικαίως ὥσπερ περὶ τοῦ ζωγράφου μετὰ τοῦτο ἐπανεροίμεθ' ἂν τὸν λέγοντα ποίας δὴ πειθοῦς καὶ τῆς περὶ τί πειθοῦς ἡ ῥητορική ἐστιν τέχνη; ἢ οὐ δοκεῖ σοι [b] δίκαιον εἶναι ἐπανερέσθαι;

ΓΟΡ. ἔμοιγε.

ΣΩ. ἀπόκριναι δὴ, ὦ Γοργία, ἐπεὶ δὲ γε καὶ σοὶ δοκεῖ οὕτως.

ΓΟΡ. ταύτης τοίνυν τῆς πειθοῦς λέγω, ὦ Σώκρατες, τῆς ἐν τοῖς δικαστηρίοις καὶ ἐν τοῖς ἄλλοις ὄχλοις, ὥσπερ καὶ ἄρτι ἔλεγον, καὶ περὶ τούτων ἃ ἐστὶ δίκαιά τε καὶ ἄδικα.

ΣΩ. καὶ ἐγὼ τοι ὑπώπτειν ταύτην σε λέγειν τὴν πειθὴ καὶ περὶ τούτων, ὦ Γοργία· ἀλλ' ἵνα μὴ θαυμάζῃς ἐὰν καὶ ὀλίγον ὕστερον τοιοῦτόν τί σε ἀνέρωμαι, ὃ δοκεῖ μὲν δῆλον [c] εἶναι, ἐγὼ δ' ἐπανερωτῶ – ὅπερ γὰρ λέγω, τοῦ ἐξῆς ἔνεκα περαίνεσθαι τὸν λόγον ἐρωτῶ, οὐ σοῦ ἔνεκα ἀλλ' ἵνα μὴ ἐθιζώμεθα ὑπονοοῦντες προαρπάζειν ἀλλήλων τὰ λεγόμενα, ἀλλὰ σὺ τὰ σαυτοῦ κατὰ τὴν ὑπόθεσιν ὅπως ἂν βούλῃ περαίνῃς.

ΓΟΡ. καὶ ὁρθῶς γέ μοι δοκεῖς ποιεῖν, ὦ Σώκρατες.

Gorg. “What you say is true.”

Soc. “But since you agree that it is not this art alone that carries out this task but that there are others that do so also, we would be justified, as we put it above in the case of the portrait painter, to follow up and confront the man who has said this with the question, ‘Of just what kind of persuasion, then, and persuasion about what, is oratory the art?’ Or do you not think it justified to confront him with this follow-up question?”

Gorg. “No but I do.”

Soc. “Then answer that question, Gorgias, given the fact that you do think this.”

Gorg. “The *sort* of persuasion I say it provides, is that sort that occurs *in* courts of justice and the other crowds as I was saying a moment ago, and *about* those things: what is just or unjust.”

Soc. “Indeed I was suspecting you were speaking of that kind of persuasion and about those topics, Gorgias. Still, don’t be surprised if soon again I ask you something that seems obvious but nevertheless put it to you as a question – as I have said, this is only to enable the argument to succeed step by step and not out of consideration for you, lest we should settle into assuming on our own what each other is thinking so as to ambush each other’s arguments. But please, decide for yourself how you would want to carry on, in accordance with the position you have taken.”

Gorg. “In my judgment you are doing the right sort of thing, Socrates.”

ΣΩ. ἴθι δὴ καὶ τόδε ἐπισκεψώμεθα. καλεῖς τι μεμαθηκέναι;

ΓΟΡ. καλῶ.

ΣΩ. τί δέ; πεπιστευκέναι;

ΓΟΡ. [d] ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. πότερον οὖν ταῦτόν δοκεῖ σοι εἶναι μεμαθηκέναι καὶ πεπιστευκέναι, καὶ μάθησις καὶ πίστις, ἢ ἄλλο τι;

ΓΟΡ. οἶομαι μὲν ἔγωγε, ὃ Σώκρατες, ἄλλο.

ΣΩ. καλῶς γὰρ οἶει· γνώση δὲ ἐνθένδε. εἰ γὰρ τίς σε ἔροιτο· ἄρ' ἔστιν τις, ὃ Γοργία, πίστις ψευδῆς καὶ ἀληθῆς; φαίης ἄν, ὥς ἐγὼ οἶμαι.

ΓΟΡ. ναί.

ΣΩ. τί δαί;¹ ἐπιστήμη ἐστὶν ψευδῆς καὶ ἀληθῆς;

ΓΟΡ. οὐδαμῶς.

ΣΩ. δῆλον γὰρ' αὐ² ὅτι οὐ ταῦτόν ἐστιν.

ΓΟΡ. ἀληθῆ λέγεις.

ΣΩ. [e] ἀλλὰ μὴν οἷ τέ γε μεμαθηκότες πεπεισμένοι εἰσὶν καὶ οἱ πεπιστευκότες.

ΓΟΡ. ἔστι ταῦτα.

ΣΩ. βούλει οὖν δύο εἶδη θῶμεν πειθοῦς, τὸ μὲν πίστιν παρεχόμενον ἄνευ τοῦ εἰδέναι, τὸ δ' ἐπιστήμην;

Soc. "So come then and answer me this: Is there something you would call 'having learned'?"

Gorg. "There is and I do."

Soc. "How about 'having become sure'?"

Gorg. "I do."

Soc. "Do you think they are the same thing, 'having learned' and 'having come to trust,' and learning and trusting for that matter, or are they different?"

Gorg. "For my own part, Socrates, I'd guess they are different."

Soc. "You guess well, but from the following you will *know* it is true. If someone should ask you, 'Is there such a thing, Gorgias, as false certainty as well as true?' I believe you'd say yes."

Gorg. "Yes."

Soc. "But knowledge? Is there both false and true?"

Gorg. "No way."

Soc. "For in their case we know they aren't the same thing."

Gorg. "That's true."

Soc. "And yet those who have learned have been persuaded no less than those who have been become certain and have come to trust?"

Gorg. "That's correct."

Soc. "Would you want us then to posit two kinds of persuasion, one that brings about feeling certain without knowing and another that brings about knowledge?"

¹ τί δαί J : τί δέ mss.

² γὰρ αὐ BTWF : ἄρα Olymp. : γὰρ οὖν E3 Steph. : ἄρ' αὐ conl. Burnet.

ΓΟΡ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. ποτέραν οὖν ἡ ῥητορικὴ πειθὼ ποιεῖ ἐν δικαστηρίοις τε καὶ τοῖς ἄλλοις ὄχλοις περὶ τῶν δικαίων τε καὶ ἀδίκων; ἐξ ἧς πιστεύειν γίγνεται ἄνευ τοῦ εἰδέναι ἢ ἐξ ἧς τὸ εἰδέναι;

ΓΟΡ. δῆλον δήπου, ὦ Σώκρατες, ὅτι ἐξ ἧς τὸ πιστεύειν.

ΣΩ. ἡ ῥητορικὴ ἄρα, ὥς ἔοικεν, πειθοῦς [455] δημιουργός ἐστιν πιστευτικῆς ἀλλ' οὐ διδασκαλικῆς περὶ τὸ δίκαιόν τε καὶ ἄδικον.

ΓΟΡ. ναί.

ΣΩ. οὐδ' ἄρα διδασκαλικὸς ὁ ῥήτωρ ἐστὶν δικαστηρίων τε καὶ τῶν ἄλλων ὄχλων δικαίων τε πέρι καὶ ἀδίκων, ἀλλὰ πιστικὸς μόνον.¹ οὐ γὰρ δήπου ὄχλον γ' ἂν δύναίτο τοσοῦτον ἐν ὀλίγῳ χρόνῳ διδάξαι οὕτω μεγάλα πράγματα.

ΓΟΡ. οὐ δῆτα.

ΣΩ. φέρε δῆ, ἴδωμεν τί ποτε καὶ λέγομεν² περὶ τῆς [b] ῥητορικῆς· ἐγὼ μὲν γάρ τοι οὐδ' αὐτός πω δύναμαι κατανοῆσαι ὅτι λέγω. ὅταν περὶ ἱατρῶν αἰρέσεως ἢ τῇ πόλει σύλλογος ἢ περὶ ναυπηγῶν ἢ περὶ ἄλλου τινὸς δημιουργικοῦ ἔθνους, ἄλλο τι ἢ τότε ὁ ῥητορικὸς οὐ συμβουλεύσει; δῆλον γὰρ ὅτι ἐν ἐκάστη αἰρέσει τὸν τεχνικώτατον δεῖ αἰρεῖσθαι. οὐδ' ὅταν τειχῶν περὶ οἰκοδομήσεως ἢ λιμένων κατασκευῆς ἢ νεωρίων, ἀλλ' οἱ ἀρχιτέκτονες· οὐδ' αὖ ὅταν στρατηγῶν αἰρέσεως πέρι ἢ

Gorg. “Quite so.”

Soc. “Now which of the two kinds of persuasion does oratory produce, in courts of justice and in other crowds on the topic of justice and injustice? The type from which confidence arises without knowing taking place, or the one from which knowing arises?”

Gorg. “I think it's clear that it is the type from which confidence arises.”

Soc. “So the oratorical art is (455) the ‘trusting persuasion producer,’ not the ‘teacherly,’ on the topic of the just and the unjust?”

Gorg. “Yes.”

Soc. “And the orator, in turn, is not a ‘teacher-man’ of the courts of justice and the other crowds on the topic of the just and unjust, but a ‘confidence-man’ only. After all, he could not instruct such a large crowd about matters so great in so little time.”

Gorg. “Certainly not.”

Soc. “Come, then, let's see what we are actually saying about the oratorical art. For my part, I cannot quite grasp what I should say. When it is about selecting physicians for the city that a gathering occurs, or about shipbuilders or some other group of providers, on that occasion shall I say the oratorical expert will not give counsel? For clearly in these several selections it will be the most skillful man that must be selected. Nor when it is about the building of walls or the furnishing of harbors and dockyards: rather, the architects will give counsel. Nor in turn when the deliberation is about the choice of

1 μόνον (A4) BT Ficinus : πιστικῶς μόνον W : πειστικὸς μόνον T²P Steph. : πιστικοῦ μόνου F.

2 καὶ λέγομεν] καὶ λέγωμεν S2.

τάξεώς τινος πρὸς πολεμίους ἢ χωρίων [c] καταλήψεως συμβουλή ἢ, ἀλλ’ οἱ στρατηγικοὶ τότε συμβουλεύουσιν, οἱ ῥητορικοὶ δὲ οὐ· ἢ πῶς λέγεις, ὦ Γοργία, τὰ τοιαῦτα; ἐπειδὴ γὰρ αὐτός τε φῆς ῥήτωρ εἶναι καὶ ἄλλους ποιεῖν ῥητορικοὺς, εὖ ἔχει τὰ τῆς σῆς τέχνης παρὰ σοῦ πυνθάνεσθαι. καὶ ἐμὲ νῦν νόμισον καὶ τὸ σὸν σπεύδειν· ἴσως γὰρ καὶ τυγχάνει τις τῶν ἔνδον ὄντων μαθητὴς σου βουλόμενος γενέσθαι, ὡς ἐγὼ τινας σχεδὸν καὶ συχνοὺς αἰσθάνομαι, οἳ ἴσως αἰσχύνονται ἂν σε ἀνερέσθαι. ὑπ’ [d] ἐμοῦ οὖν ἀνερωτώμενος νόμισον καὶ ὑπ’ ἐκείνων ἀνερωτᾶσθαι· τί ἡμῖν, ὦ Γοργία, ἔσται, ἐάν σοι συνῶμεν; περὶ τίνων τῇ πόλει συμβουλεύειν οἰοί τε ἐσόμεθα; πότερον περὶ δικαίου μόνον καὶ ἀδίκου ἢ καὶ περὶ ὧν νυνδὴ Σωκράτης ἔλεγεν; πειρῶ οὖν αὐτοῖς ἀποκρίνεσθαι.

ΓΟΡ. ἀλλ’ ἐγὼ σοι πειράσομαι, ὦ Σώκρατες, σαφῶς ἀποκαλύψαι τὴν τῆς ῥητορικῆς δύναμιν ἅπασαν· αὐτὸς γὰρ καλῶς ὑφηγήσω. οἴσθα γὰρ δήπου ὅτι τὰ νεώρια ταῦτα [e] καὶ τὰ τεῖχη τὰ Ἀθηναίων¹ καὶ ἡ τῶν λιμένων κατασκευὴ ἐκ τῆς Θεμιστοκλέους συμβουλῆς γέγονεν, τὰ δ’ ἐκ τῆς Περικλέους ἀλλ’ οὐκ ἐκ τῶν δημιουργῶν.²

ΣΩ. λέγεται ταῦτα, ὦ Γοργία, περὶ Θεμιστοκλέους· Περικλέους δὲ καὶ αὐτὸς ἤκουον ὅτε συνεβούλευεν ἡμῖν περὶ τοῦ διὰ μέσου τεύχους.

1 τὰ Ἀθηναίων] *del.* Cobet.

2 τῶν] τῆς Buttman : τῆς τῶν Cobet.

generals or the choice of a certain formation to use against the enemy or capturing a territory: rather, the experts in generalship will then be the ones giving counsel, and the oratorical expert will not. How about you, Gorgias? What is your attitude about these things? For since you claim that you yourself are an orator and also make others oratorical, it would be appropriate to receive information about this art of yours from none other than you. And recognize that I am at the same time being zealous for your cause. For it may be the case that one of those who listened to you within is wanting to become your student, as I perceive people are now doing in virtual droves, who may perhaps be ashamed to put this question to you. Though you are being posed the question by me, think of it as if it were being put to you by them: ‘What will we get once we study with you? On what matters will we become able to counsel our city? Will it only be on questions of justice and injustice, or also on the subjects Socrates just now mentioned?’ Try to answer them.”

Gorg. “Try I will, Socrates, to unveil to you clearly the power of the oratorical art in all its glory, for you have given me just the segue I need. After all, I presume you know that those very dockyards you mention and the walls the Athenians call their own, as well as the furnishing of the harbors, happened because of the counseling of Themistocles, and others of these because of the counseling of Pericles – and not because of your craftsmen.”

Soc. “I have heard, Gorgias, about Themistocles’s influence; as for Pericles I was myself in the audience when he advocated the inner wall.” (456)

[456] ΓΟΡ. καὶ ὅταν γέ τις αἵρεσις ἢ ὧν νυνδὴ σὺ ἔλεγες, ὦ Σώκρατες, ὁρᾷς ὅτι οἱ ῥήτορες εἰσιν οἱ συμβουλευόντες καὶ οἱ νικῶντες τὰς γνώμας περὶ τούτων.

ΣΩ. ταῦτα καὶ θαυμάζων, ὦ Γοργία, πάλαι ἐρωτῶ τίς ποτε ἡ δύναμις ἐστὶν τῆς ῥητορικῆς. δαιμονία γάρ τις ἔμοιγε καταφαίνεται τὸ μέγεθος οὕτω σκοποῦντι.

ΓΟΡ. εἰ πάντα γε εἰδείης, ὦ Σώκρατες,¹ ὅτι ὡς ἔπος εἰπεῖν ἀπάσας τὰς δυνάμεις συλλαβοῦσα ὑφ' αὐτῇ ἔχει. [b] μέγα δέ σοι τεκμήριον ἐρῶ· πολλάκις γὰρ ἤδη ἔγωγε μετὰ τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ καὶ μετὰ τῶν ἄλλων ἰατρῶν εἰσελθὼν παρά τινα τῶν καμνόντων οὐχὶ ἐθέλοντα ἢ φάρμακον πιεῖν ἢ τεμεῖν ἢ καῦσαι παρασχεῖν τῷ ἰατρῷ, οὐ δυναμένου τοῦ ἰατροῦ πείσαι, ἐγὼ ἔπεισα, οὐκ ἄλλη τέχνη ἢ τῇ ῥητορικῇ. φημὶ δὲ καὶ εἰς πόλιν ὅπη βούλει ἐλθόντα ῥητορικὸν ἄνδρα καὶ ἰατρόν, εἰ δέοι λόγῳ διαγωνίζεσθαι ἐν ἐκκλησίᾳ ἢ ἐν ἄλλῳ τινὶ συλλόγῳ ὁπότερον δεῖ αἰρεθῆναι ἰατρόν, οὐδαμοῦ [c] ἂν φανῆναι τὸν ἰατρόν, ἀλλ' αἰρεθῆναι ἂν τὸν εἰπεῖν δυνατόν, εἰ βούλοιο. καὶ εἰ πρὸς ἄλλον γε δημιουργὸν ὄντιναοῦν ἀγωνίζοιτο, πείσειεν ἂν αὐτὸν ἐλέσθαι ὁ ῥητορικὸς μᾶλλον ἢ ἄλλος ὅστισοῦν· οὐ γὰρ ἔστιν περὶ ὅτου οὐκ ἂν πιθανώτερον εἴποι ὁ ῥητορικὸς ἢ ἄλλος ὅστισοῦν τῶν δημιουργῶν ἐν πλήθει.

ἡ μὲν οὖν δύναμις τοσαύτη ἐστὶν καὶ τοιαύτη τῆς

Gorg. “And whenever there is a choice taken on the topics you just now went through, Socrates, you can see with your eyes that the orators are the ones giving counsel and the ones that win the measures concerning these things.”

Soc. “It is exactly because I have wondered at this, Gorgias, that I have been asking all along what is the power of the oratorical art. For it strikes me as superhuman when I see the way it wields such sway.”

Gorg. “If only you knew the whole story, Socrates! It’s as if it contained within itself all the powers there are, and marshals them all under its sole command. I will give you a telling indicator of this. Often in the past have I gone in with my brother, and with other doctors, too, to the bedside of one of their patients who was unwilling to take his medicine or to give in to his doctor to be cut or cauterized; and though the doctor lacked the power to persuade him otherwise, I persuaded him, and I did so with no other art than oratory. I declare that if an oratorical expert likewise goes in to a city – any city you wish – along with a doctor, and they should be required to contend in speech with each other, in the assembly or in some other gathering, as to which of them should be chosen as city doctor, the doctor will fall out of view, and instead the man who is able to make a speech will be chosen, if that’s what he wants. And if he should contend with any other ‘provider’ you may wish to name, it would be he, the oratorical expert, who would persuade them to select himself and not the other, no matter who he was. For there is no subject on which the oratorical expert could not speak more persuasively than any of the providers, in the presence of a large audience.

“Such then is the extent and nature of this art’s

¹ εἰ] τί εἰ *coni.* Madvig.

τέχνης· δεῖ μέντοι, ὦ Σώκρατες, τῇ ῥητορικῇ χρῆσθαι ὥσπερ τῇ ἄλλῃ πάσῃ ἀγωνίᾳ. καὶ γὰρ [d] τῇ ἄλλῃ ἀγωνίᾳ οὐ τούτου ἔνεκα δεῖ πρὸς ἅπαντας χρῆσθαι ἀνθρώπους, ὅτι ἔμαθεν πυκτεύειν τε καὶ παγκρατιάζειν καὶ ἐν ὅπλοις μάχεσθαι, ὥστε κρείττων εἶναι καὶ φίλων καὶ ἐχθρῶν, οὐ τούτου ἔνεκα τοὺς φίλους δεῖ τύπτειν οὐδὲ κεντεῖν τε καὶ ἀποκτείνουσαι. οὐδὲ γε μὰ Δία ἐάν τις εἰς παλαιστραν φοιτήσας εὖ ἔχων τὸ σῶμα καὶ πυκτικὸς γενόμενος, ἔπειτα τὸν πατέρα τύπτῃ καὶ τὴν μητέρα ἢ ἄλλον τινὰ τῶν οἰκείων ἢ τῶν φίλων, οὐ τούτου ἔνεκα δεῖ τοὺς [e] παιδοτρίβας καὶ τοὺς ἐν τοῖς ὅπλοις διδάσκοντας μάχεσθαι μισεῖν τε καὶ ἐκβάλλειν ἐκ τῶν πόλεων. ἐκεῖνοι μὲν γὰρ παρέδοσαν ἐπὶ τῷ δικαίως χρῆσθαι τούτοις πρὸς τοὺς πολεμίους καὶ τοὺς ἀδικοῦντας, ἀμυνομένους, μὴ ὑπάρχοντας· [457] οἱ δὲ μεταστρέψαντες χρώνται τῇ ἰσχύϊ καὶ τῇ τέχνῃ οὐκ ὀρθῶς. οὐκ οὖν οἱ διδάξαντες πονηροί, οὐδὲ ἡ τέχνη οὔτε αἰτία οὔτε πονηρὰ τούτου ἔνεκά ἐστιν, ἀλλ’ οἱ μὴ χρώμενοι οἷμαι ὀρθῶς. ὁ αὐτὸς δὲ λόγος καὶ περὶ τῆς ῥητορικῆς. δυνατὸς μὲν γὰρ πρὸς ἅπαντάς ἐστιν ὁ ῥήτωρ καὶ περὶ παντὸς λέγειν, ὥστε πιθανώτερος εἶναι ἐν τοῖς πλήθεσιν [b] ἔμβραχυ περὶ ὅτου ἂν βούληται· ἀλλ’ οὐδέν τι μᾶλλον τούτου ἔνεκα δεῖ οὔτε τοὺς ἰατροὺς τὴν δόξαν ἀφαιρεῖσθαι — ὅτι δύναιτο¹ ἂν τοῦτο ποιῆσαι—οὔτε τοὺς ἄλλους δημιουργούς, ἀλλὰ δικαίως καὶ τῇ ῥητορικῇ χρῆσθαι, ὥσπερ καὶ τῇ ἀγωνίᾳ. ἐάν δὲ οἷμαι ῥητορικὸς γενόμενός²

power, and yet I must add that one must, Socrates, deploy the art of oratory just as one would deploy any skill in athletic competitions as well. For the arts of competition also ought not be deployed against any and every person merely because of this, that a person has learned to box, or to fight the pancration, or to battle in armor, and has thus become stronger than friends as well as enemies. One ought not because of this beat up his friends or stab them, and so kill them. Nor for that matter, Zeus be my witness, if a person in good physical condition has done a stint at a wrestling studio and has become an expert at boxing, and then goes on to assault his father or his mother or some other member of his household or a friend, one ought not because of this despise the physical trainers or the men that teach fighting in armor and exile them from the cities. Those worthies, for their part, handed it down for its just use by these students, against their enemies and those who have wronged them, for the purpose of defending against them, not to initiate an aggression, (457) but the others perverted it so as to use their physical strength and their skillful expertise for improper ends. Thus it is not the teachers that are wicked nor the art that is culpable or wicked because of this, but rather those who would employ it I’d say improperly.

“The same argument applies to the oratorical art. Able he is, our orator, to speak against any opponent and about anything, in such a way as to be more persuasive in the presence of large audiences on almost any topic, if he so choose. But not at all because of this ought he strip the doctors of their reputation, merely because he would have the power to do so, nor the other providers, but must employ the oratorical art with fairness, just as one must employ athletic skill. If a person I’d say has become oratorical and thereupon by means of this power and this

1 δύναιτο F T *in ras.* : δύναιντο BPTY.

2 κᾶτα Q?QbE3E1 : κατὰ BTPFY : καὶ E2ZaMLobX.

τις κᾶτα ταύτη τῇ δυνάμει καὶ τῇ τέχνῃ ἀδικῇ, οὐ τὸν διδάξαντα δεῖ μισεῖν τε καὶ ἐκβάλλειν ἐκ τῶν πόλεων. ἐκεῖνος μὲν γὰρ ἐπὶ [c] δικαίου¹ χρεῖα παρέδωκεν, ὁ δ' ἐναντίως χρηταί. τὸν οὖν οὐκ ὀρθῶς χρώμενον μισεῖν δίκαιον καὶ ἐκβάλλειν καὶ ἀποκτείνουσαι ἀλλ' οὐ τὸν διδάξαντα.

ΣΩ. οἶμαι, ὦ Γοργία, καὶ σὲ ἔμπειρον εἶναι πολλῶν λόγων² καὶ καθεωρακέναι ἐν αὐτοῖς τὸ τοιόνδε, ὅτι οὐ ῥαδίως δύνανται³ περὶ ὧν ἂν ἐπιχειρήσωσιν διαλέγεσθαι διορισάμενοι πρὸς ἀλλήλους καὶ μαθόντες καὶ διδάξαντες ἑαυτούς, [d] οὕτω διαλύεσθαι τὰς συνουσίας, ἀλλ' ἐὰν περὶ τοῦ ἀμφισβητήσωσιν καὶ μὴ φῇ ὁ ἕτερος τὸν ἕτερον ὀρθῶς λέγειν ἢ μὴ σαφῶς, χαλεπαίνουσιν τε καὶ κατὰ φθόνον οἶονται τὸν ἑαυτῶν λέγειν, φιλονικοῦντας ἀλλ' οὐ ζητοῦντας τὸ προκείμενον ἐν τῷ λόγῳ· καὶ ἔνιοί γε τελευτῶντες αἰσχιστα ἀπαλλάττονται, λοιδορηθέντες τε καὶ εἰπόντες καὶ ἀκούσαντες⁴ περὶ σφῶν αὐτῶν⁵ τοιαῦτα οἶα καὶ τοὺς παρόντας ἄχθεσθαι ὑπὲρ σφῶν αὐτῶν,⁶ ὅτι τοιούτων ἀνθρώπων ἡξίωσαν [e] ἀκροαταὶ γενέσθαι. τοῦ δὲ ἔνεκα λέγω ταῦτα; ὅτι νῦν ἐμοὶ δοκεῖς σὺ οὐ πάνυ ἀκόλουθα λέγειν οὐδὲ σύμφωνα οἷς τὸ πρῶτον ἔλεγες περὶ τῆς ῥητορικῆς· φοβοῦμαι οὖν διελέγχειν σε, μή με ὑπολάβῃς οὐ πρὸς τὸ πρᾶγμα φιλονικοῦντα⁷ λέγειν τοῦ

art does commit injustices, one ought not despise the man who taught him and exile him from the cities. All he did was pass on the skill for a just man's use, whereas the other used it in the opposite way. To despise the man who employed it in a manner that is improper, is just – and also to exile him and to execute him – but not the one who taught him.”

Soc. “What *I* daresay, Gorgias, is that like myself you have experienced many discussions and have come to observe what I have. Men are not so able to converse in such a way as to define clearly what it is they are trying to discuss as they try to learn from and teach each other so as to bring their conversations to completion, but rather that if they have different views on some point and the one says the other is incorrect or unclear in what he says, they become angry and think that they are arguing out of rivalry about the positions they are taking, and that they are trying to beat the other out of pride rather than to search for and learn the truth about the topic they are talking about. Among these, some terminate their conversations in the ugliest of ways, giving themselves over to slander, and dealing out as well as being dealt a treatment one to the other that then embarrasses the group listening to their conversation for having thought it worthwhile to pay attention to men of such ilk!

“But ‘for what purpose,’ as you put it, do I say all this? It’s because in our present conversation you seem to me to be arguing things that don’t really follow from or jibe with what you were saying at the beginning about the oratorical art. At the same time, I am afraid to test you step by step, worried you might take my arguments not to be contending with you about the problem so as to clear it up, but contending with you about you, personally.

1 δικαίου BTWFLob : δικαία NFlorRY.

2 λόγων] φιλολόγων *coni.* Schanz : λογίων *coni.* Madvig : ἀνθρώπων *coni.* Cobet.

3 δύνανται] δύνανται ἄνθρωποι E3 : δύνανται οἱ συνόντες *coni.* Theiler.

4 λοιδορηθέντες τε καὶ] *secl.* Hirschig Schanz.

5 περὶ σφῶν αὐτῶν] *secl.* Sauppe.

6 ὑπὲρ σφῶν αὐτῶν] *secl.* Cobet.

7 φιλονικοῦντα] *secl.* Headlam.

καταφανές γενέσθαι, ἀλλὰ πρὸς σέ. [458] ἐγὼ οὖν, εἰ μὲν καὶ σὺ εἶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ὧν περ καὶ ἐγώ, ἡδέως ἂν σε διερωτῶην· εἰ δὲ μή, ἐώην ἂν. ἐγὼ δὲ τίνων εἰμί; τῶν ἡδέως μὲν ἂν ἐλεγχθέντων εἶ τι μὴ ἀληθὲς λέγω, ἡδέως δ' ἂν ἐλεγχάντων εἶ τίς τι μὴ ἀληθὲς λέγοι, οὐκ ἀηδέστερον μεντᾶν ἐλεγχθέντων ἢ ἐλεγχάντων· μεῖζον γὰρ αὐτὸ ἀγαθὸν ἡγοῦμαι, ὅσῳ περ μεῖζον ἀγαθὸν ἐστὶν αὐτὸν ἀπαλλαγῆναι κακοῦ τοῦ μεγίστου ἢ ἄλλον ἀπαλλάξαι. οὐδὲν γὰρ οἶμαι τοσοῦτον κακὸν εἶναι ἀνθρώπῳ, ὅσον δόξα [b] ψευδὴς περὶ ὧν τυγχάνει νῦν ἡμῖν ὁ λόγος ὧν. εἰ μὲν οὖν καὶ σὺ φῆς τοιοῦτος εἶναι, διαλεγώμεθα· εἰ δὲ καὶ δοκεῖ χρῆναι ἐᾶν, ἐῷμεν ἤδη χαίρειν καὶ διαλύωμεν τὸν λόγον.

ΓΟΡ. ἀλλὰ φημί μὲν ἔγωγε, ὦ Σώκρατες, καὶ αὐτὸς τοιοῦτος εἶναι οἷον σὺ ὑφηγῇ· ἴσως μέντοι χρῆν¹ ἐννοεῖν καὶ τὸ τῶν παρόντων. πάλαι γάρ τοι, πρὶν καὶ ὑμᾶς ἐλθεῖν, ἐγὼ τοῖς παροῦσι πολλὰ ἐπεδειξάμην, καὶ νῦν ἴσως πόρρω ἀποτενοῦμεν, [c] ἣν διαλεγώμεθα. σκοπεῖν οὖν χρὴ καὶ τὸ τούτων, μὴ τινὰς αὐτῶν κατέχομεν² βουλομένους τι καὶ ἄλλο πράττειν.

ΧΑΙΡΕΦΩΝ. τοῦ μὲν θορύβου, ὦ Γοργία τε καὶ Σώκρατες, αὐτοὶ ἀκούετε τούτων τῶν ἀνδρῶν βουλομένων ἀκούειν ἐάν τι λέγητε· ἐμοὶ δ' οὖν καὶ αὐτῷ μὴ γένοιτο τοσαύτη ἀσχολία, ὥστε τοιούτων λόγων καὶ οὕτω λεγομένων ἀφεμένῳ προὔργιαίτερόν τι γενέσθαι ἄλλο πράττειν. [d]

ΚΑΛΛΙΚΛΗΣ. νῆ τοὺς θεοὺς, ὦ Χαιρεφῶν, καὶ μὲν

(458) For my part, if you are the kind of person I am, I would gladly interrogate you step by step; but if not I would let it go. And what is this kind of person I am? I and others like me would gladly be refuted if arguing something false or gladly be doing the refuting in case someone else should argue something false, and would be no less glad to be refuted than to refute. For in my view this would be the greater boon, to the same extent it is a greater boon oneself to be released from the greatest of evils than to release somebody else. For I think there is no evil for a man greater than false belief about the things we are discussing just now. So – if you are like this also, let's have a dialogue; but if it seems better just to let it go, let's call it quits and break off our discussion."

Gorg. "Well, Socrates, though I am of course of the very kind you have described, still more, perhaps, ought we take into consideration those who are present. It's been a while now, even before you two came, that I was giving a big presentation to the people here, and we will be stretching things out even further if we carry on a dialogue. So we ought to be mindful how it is for these people here, in case we are detaining some of them from doing something else they might be wanting to do."

CHAEREPHON: "The general commotion you can hear for yourselves, Gorgias and Socrates, from these men, wanting as they do to listen if only you will continue talking; but for myself I pray I never become so busy that I would pass up arguments on these topics carried on in this way because I had something else more profitable to be doing."

CALLICLES: "Yes, by the gods, Chaerephon! For I myself have attended many conversations in the past but

¹ χρῆν BTPF : χρῆ NFlorZbY.

² κατέχομεν BPt : κατέχωμεν TF.

δὴ καὶ αὐτὸς πολλοῖς ἤδη λόγοις παραγενόμενος οὐκ οἶδ’ εἰ πώποτε ἦσθην οὕτως ὥσπερ νυνί· ὥστ’ ἔμοιγε, κἂν τὴνήμεραν ὅλην ἐθέλῃτε διαλέγεσθαι, χαριεῖσθε.

ΣΩ. ἀλλὰ μήν, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, τό γ’ ἐμὸν οὐδὲν κωλύει, εἴπερ ἐθέλει Γοργίας.

ΓΟΡ. αἰσchrὸν δὴ τὸ λοιπόν, ὦ Σώκρατες, γίγνεται ἐμέ γε μὴ ἐθέλῃν, αὐτὸν ἐπαγγειλάμενον ἐρωτᾶν¹ ὅτι τις βούλεται. [e] ἀλλ’ εἰ δοκεῖ τουτοισί,² διαλέγου τε καὶ ἐρώτα ὅτι βούλει.

ΣΩ. ἄκουε δὴ, ὦ Γοργία, ἃ θαυμάζω ἐν τοῖς λεγομένοις ὑπὸ σοῦ· ἴσως γάρ τοι σοῦ ὀρθῶς λέγοντος ἐγὼ οὐκ ὀρθῶς ὑπολαμβάνω. ῥητορικὸν φῆς ποιεῖν οἷός τ’ εἶναι, ἐάν τις βούληται παρὰ σοῦ μανθάνειν;

ΓΟΡ. ναί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν περὶ πάντων ὥστ’ ἐν ὄχλῳ πιθανὸν εἶναι, οὐ διδάσκοντα ἀλλὰ [459] πείθοντα;

ΓΟΡ. πάνυ μὲν οὖν.

ΣΩ. ἔλεγές τοι νυνδὴ³ ὅτι καὶ περὶ τοῦ ὑγιεινοῦ τοῦ ἱατροῦ πιθανώτερος ἔσται ὁ ῥήτωρ.

ΓΟΡ. καὶ γὰρ ἔλεγον, ἐν γε ὄχλῳ.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν τὸ ἐν ὄχλῳ τοῦτό ἐστιν, ἐν τοῖς μὴ εἰδόσιν; οὐ γὰρ δήπου ἐν γε τοῖς εἰδόσι τοῦ ἱατροῦ πιθανώτερος ἔσται.

cannot say I have ever felt such enjoyment as now. For me at least, if you were willing to spend even the entire day in dialogue, you’d only make me glad.”

Soc. “Well, Callicles, I have no objection, if only Gorgias is willing.”

Gorg. “You’ve left it only to me to take the shame for being unwilling, especially since I myself issued the challenge to ask me whatever question one wanted. If it seems best to these people here, go ahead and conduct your dialogue: ask whatever you want.”

Soc. “Alright then hear, Gorgias, what I found so surprising in what you said. It could be that you were arguing correctly and I just didn’t understand correctly. Do you claim to be able to make a man an orator if he is willing to study under you?”

Gorg. “Yes.”

Soc. “And thus to become persuasive on any topic in a crowd, not by teaching but (459) by persuading?”

Gorg. “Quite so.”

Soc. “And did you just argue that even on the topic of health the orator will be more persuasive than the doctor?”

Gorg. “Yes I did, in a crowd at least.”

Soc. “But this ‘in a crowd’ expression of yours means among those whom you assume lack knowledge? For presumably he would not be more persuasive among those have knowledge.”

1 ἐρωτᾶν ... βούλεται] *secl.* Badham Schanz.

2 τουτοισί *Par* : τούτοισι *W* : τούτοισιν *BT* : καὶ τούτοις *F*.

3 τοι νυνδὴ (~ τοι νῦν δὴ) *B²P* : τοίνυν δὴ *TW*.

ΓΟΡ. ἀληθῆ λέγεις.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν εἴπερ τοῦ ἱατροῦ πιθανώτερος ἔσται, τοῦ εἰδότος πιθανώτερος γίγνεται;

ΓΟΡ. πάνυ [b] γε.

ΣΩ. οὐκ ἰατρός γε ὢν· ἦ γάρ;

ΓΟΡ. ναί.

ΣΩ. ὁ δὲ μὴ ἰατρός γε δήπου ἀνεπιστήμων ὢν ὁ ἰατρὸς ἐπιστήμων.

ΓΟΡ. δῆλον ὅτι.

ΣΩ. ὁ οὐκ εἰδὼς ἄρα τοῦ εἰδότος ἐν οὐκ εἰδόσι πιθανώτερος ἔσται, ὅταν ὁ ῥήτωρ τοῦ ἱατροῦ πιθανώτερος ᾖ. τοῦτο συμβαίνει ἢ ἄλλο τι;

ΓΟΡ. τοῦτο ἐνταῦθα γε συμβαίνει.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ περὶ τὰς ἄλλας ἀπάσας τέχνας ὡσαύτως ἔχει ὁ ῥήτωρ καὶ ἡ ῥητορική· αὐτὰ μὲν τὰ πράγματα οὐδὲν δεῖ αὐτὴν¹ εἰδέναι ὅπως ἔχει, μηχανὴν [c] δέ τινα πειθοῦς ἡύρηκέναι ὥστε φαίνεσθαι τοῖς οὐκ εἰδόσι μᾶλλον εἰδέναι τῶν εἰδόντων.

ΓΟΡ. οὐκοῦν² πολλὴ ῥαστώνη, ὃ Σώκρατες, γίγνεται, μὴ μαθόντα τὰς ἄλλας τέχνας ἀλλὰ μίαν ταύτην, μὴδὲν ἐλαττοῦσθαι τῶν δημιουργῶν;

ΣΩ. εἰ μὲν ἐλαττοῦται ἢ μὴ ἐλαττοῦται ὁ ῥήτωρ τῶν ἄλλων δι' αὐτὸ τὸ³ οὕτως ἔχειν, αὐτίκα ἐπισκεψόμεθα, ἔαν

Gorg. “That is true.”

Soc. “So if he is more persuasive than a doctor this implies he is more persuasive than a knowledgeable person?”

Gorg. “Quite so.”

Soc. “While he himself is no doctor?”

Gorg. “Yes.”

Soc. “But if the man is not a doctor then he is presumably unlearned in the things in which the doctor is learned?”

Gorg. “Clearly that is so.”

Soc. “Therefore, the person who is ignorant will be more persuasive among the ignorant than the person who knows – if, that is, the orator is more persuasive than the doctor? Is that what follows or does something else follow?”

Gorg. “It follows in that case at least.”

Soc. “But doesn’t it hold this way for the orator and his oratorical art in each and all the other arts, that his art does not need to know the truth about their various subject matters, but rather must have invented some persuasion-device so as to appear to ignorant people to know more than the knowers do?”

Gorg. “Quite a *bonus* isn’t it that a person who does not know the other arts but knows only this one, should in no way be worsted by all those specialists!”

Soc. “Whether or not your orator comes off worse than the others by virtue of having only this ability you describe we will consider in a moment, if it becomes

1 αὐτὴν] αὐτὸν *coni.* Cobet.

2 οὐκοῦν] οὐκουν *coni.* Denniston.

3 δι’ αὐτὸ τὸ NFlor Ficinus [*ob hanc unam facultatem*] : διὰ τὸ mss.

τι ἡμῖν πρὸς λόγον¹ ἤ· νῦν δὲ τόδε πρότερον σκεψώμεθα, ἄρα [d] τυγχάνει περὶ τὸ δίκαιον καὶ τὸ ἄδικον καὶ τὸ αἰσχρὸν καὶ τὸ καλὸν καὶ ἀγαθὸν καὶ κακὸν οὕτως ἔχων ὁ ῥητορικὸς ὡς περὶ τὸ ὑγιεινὸν καὶ περὶ τὰ ἄλλα ὧν αἱ ἄλλαι τέχναι, αὐτὰ μὲν οὐκ εἰδώς, τί ἀγαθὸν ἢ τί κακὸν ἐστὶν ἢ τί καλὸν ἢ τί αἰσχρὸν ἢ δίκαιον ἢ ἄδικον, πειθῶ δὲ περὶ αὐτῶν μεμηχανημένος ὥστε δοκεῖν εἰδέναι οὐκ εἰδώς ἐν οὐκ εἰδόσιν [e] μᾶλλον τοῦ εἰδότος; ἢ ἀνάγκη εἰδέναι, καὶ δεῖ προεπιστάμενον ταῦτα ἀφικέσθαι παρὰ σὲ τὸν μέλλοντα μαθήσεσθαι τὴν ῥητορικὴν; εἰ δὲ μή, σὺ ὁ τῆς ῥητορικῆς διδάσκαλος τούτων μὲν οὐδὲν διδάξεις τὸν ἀφικνούμενον—οὐ γὰρ σὸν ἔργον —ποιήσεις δ' ἐν τοῖς πολλοῖς δοκεῖν εἰδέναι αὐτὸν τὰ τοιαῦτα οὐκ εἰδότα καὶ δοκεῖν ἀγαθὸν εἶναι οὐκ ὄντα; ἢ τὸ παράπαν οὐχ οἷός τε ἔσῃ αὐτὸν διδάξαι τὴν ῥητορικὴν, ἐὰν μὴ προειδῇ περὶ τούτων τὴν ἀλήθειαν; ἢ πῶς τὰ τοιαῦτα ἔχει, ὃ Γοργία; [460] καὶ πρὸς Διός, ὥσπερ ἄρτι εἶπες, ἀποκαλύψας τῆς ῥητορικῆς εἰπέ τίς ποθ' ἡ δύναμίς ἐστιν.

ΓΟΡ. ἀλλ' ἐγὼ μὲν οἶμαι, ὃ Σώκρατες, ἐὰν τύχη μὴ εἰδώς, καὶ ταῦτα παρ' ἐμοῦ μαθήσεσθαι.²

ΣΩ. ἔχε δὴ· καλῶς γὰρ λέγεις. ἐάνπερ ῥητορικὸν σύ τινα ποιήσης, ἀνάγκη αὐτὸν εἰδέναι τὰ δίκαια καὶ τὰ ἄδικα ἥτοι πρότερόν γε ἢ ὕστερον μαθόντα παρὰ σοῦ. [b]

ΓΟΡ. πάνυ γε.

relevant. But first let's investigate this: Is it the case that the oratorical expert has the same relation to the just and the unjust, the ugly and the beautiful, and the good and the bad as he has to health and the subject matters of the other arts? That is, does he also not know what the good and what the bad are in themselves, or what is beautiful and what is ugly, or just and unjust, but instead has mastered a device for persuasion on these topics also, which makes him seem among ignorant persons to know more than the man who does know, though he does not? Or is it that he does need to know and the candidate who would learn oratory must likewise master this before coming to you; whereas if he hasn't, you as a teacher of oratory will teach none of this to the student who comes to you – it's not your job to, after all – but will make him *seem* to know those sorts of things as he stands among the many, though he doesn't, and *seem* to them a good man though he isn't? Or will you be unable even to begin to teach him oratory unless and until he has learned the truth about these things? Or what is your position on this, Gorgias? (460) In Zeus's name pull back the veil from oratory, as you said a moment ago, and reveal its true power!"

Gorg. "Well, Socrates, I'd guess if he happens not to know he'll learn that, too, from me."

Soc. "Bear with me, then. You've said something fine: that if you really are to make a person a trained orator, it is necessary that he know the just and the unjust, having learned them either before he came or afterward, from you."

Gorg. "Quite."

¹ πρὸς λόγον ΖΝ : πρὸς λόγου ΒΤΡΡ : πρὸ λόγου Ολνμπ.

² μαθήσεσθαι F Steph. : μαθήσεται ΒΤΡΡ Ολνμπ.[λ].

ΣΩ. τί οὖν; ὁ τὰ τεκτονικὰ μεμαθηκὼς τεκτονικός, ἢ οὐ;

ΓΟΡ. ναί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ ὁ τὰ μουσικὰ μουσικός;

ΓΟΡ. ναί.

ΣΩ. καὶ ὁ τὰ ἱατρικὰ ἱατρικός; καὶ τᾶλλα οὕτω κατὰ τὸν αὐτὸν λόγον, ὁ μεμαθηκὼς ἕκαστα τοιοῦτός ἐστιν οἷον ἢ ἐπιστήμη ἕκαστον ἀπεργάζεται;

ΓΟΡ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν κατὰ τοῦτον τὸν λόγον καὶ ὁ τὰ δίκαια μεμαθηκὼς δίκαιος;

ΓΟΡ. πάντως δήπου.

ΣΩ. ὁ δὲ δίκαιος δίκαιά που πράττει.

ΓΟΡ. ναί. [c]

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν ἀνάγκη¹ τὸν ῥητορικὸν δίκαιον εἶναι, τὸν δὲ δίκαιον² βούλεσθαι³ δίκαια πράττειν;

ΓΟΡ. φαίνεται γε.

ΣΩ. οὐδέποτε ἄρα βουλήσεται ὁ γε δίκαιος ἀδικεῖν.

ΓΟΡ. ἀνάγκη.

ΣΩ. τὸν δὲ ῥητορικὸν ἀνάγκη ἐκ τοῦ λόγου δίκαιον εἶναι.

Soc. “So what about this: Does a person who has learned about matters of building become a trained builder?”

Gorg. “Yes.”

Soc. “And the person who has learned about musical things becomes a trained musician?”

Gorg. “Yes.”

Soc. “And about medical things a medic? And similarly with the other categories of things: the person who has learned the respective things becomes the sort of person that the respective knowledge turns him into?”

Gorg. “Quite so.”

Soc. “By the same argument is the person who has learned about just matters just?”

Gorg. “I should think so, most assuredly!”

Soc. “But presumably the just man behaves justly?”

Gorg. “Yes.”

Soc. “So we can infer that the trained orator is a just man, and that the just man has a mind to act justly?”

Gorg. “Well, it *seems* so.”

Soc. “So never will the *just* man, since he is just, be of a mind to act unjustly?”

Gorg. “That follows necessarily.”

Soc. “But our trained orator necessarily, by the force of what we have said, is just.”

1 οὐκοῦν ἀνάγκη ... φαίνεται] *del.* Schanz : τὸν ῥητορικὸν ... δὲ *del.* Ast : *alia alii.*

2 τὸν δὲ δίκαιον] ὄντα δίκαιον *coni.* Theiler.

3 βούλεσθαι] *om.* Aug O1.

ΓΟΡ. ναί.

ΣΩ. οὐδέποτε ἄρα βουλήσεται ὁ ῥητορικὸς ἀδικεῖν.

ΓΟΡ. οὐ φαίνεται γε.

ΣΩ. μέμνησαι οὖν λέγων ὀλίγω πρότερον ὅτι οὐ δεῖ τοῖς [d] παιδοτρίβαις ἐγκαλεῖν οὐδ' ἐκβάλλειν ἐκ τῶν πόλεων, ἐὰν ὁ πυκτικῆς τῇ πυκτικῇ χρῆται τε καὶ ἀδικῇ,¹ ὡσαύτως δὲ οὕτως καὶ ἐὰν ὁ ῥήτωρ τῇ ῥητορικῇ ἀδίκως χρῆται, μὴ τῷ διδάξαντι ἐγκαλεῖν μηδ' ἐξελαύνειν ἐκ τῆς πόλεως, ἀλλὰ τῷ ἀδικοῦντι καὶ οὐκ ὀρθῶς χρωμένῳ τῇ ῥητορικῇ; ἐρρήθη ταῦτα ἢ οὐ;

ΓΟΡ. ἐρρήθη.

ΣΩ. νῦν [e] δέ γε ὁ αὐτὸς οὗτος φαίνεται, ὁ ῥητορικὸς, οὐκ ἂν ποτε ἀδικήσας. ἢ οὐ;

ΓΟΡ. φαίνεται.

ΣΩ. καὶ ἐν τοῖς πρώτοις γε, ὃ Γοργία, λόγοις ἐλέγετο ὅτι ἡ ῥητορικὴ περὶ λόγους εἶη οὐ τοὺς τοῦ ἀρτίου καὶ περιττοῦ, ἀλλὰ τοὺς τοῦ δικαίου καὶ ἀδίκου· ἢ γάρ;

ΓΟΡ. ναί.

ΣΩ. ἐγὼ τοίνυν σου τότε ταῦτα λέγοντος ὑπέλαβον ὡς οὐδέποτ' ἂν εἶη ἡ ῥητορικὴ ἀδικον πρᾶγμα, ὃ γ' αἰεὶ περὶ δικαιοσύνης τοὺς λόγους ποιεῖται· ἐπειδὴ δὲ ὀλίγον ὕστερον ἔλεγες ὅτι ὁ ῥήτωρ [461] τῇ ῥητορικῇ καὶ ἀδίκως

¹ πυκτικῇ χρῆται τε καὶ ἀδικῇ BTP : πυκτικῇ χρῆται γε καὶ ἀδίκως χρῆται καὶ ἀδικῇ F Stephanus γρ. : πυκτικῇ χρῆται τε καὶ ἀδίκως χρῆται καὶ ἀδικῇ F teste Burnet : πυκτικῇ μὴ καλῶς χρῆται καὶ ἀδικῇ ZZa²Y : πυκτικῇ κακῶς χρῆται τε καὶ ἀδικῇ Par²f² testibus Dodds Cantarin.

Gorg. “Yes.”

Soc. “Therefore the trained orator will never be of a mind to act unjustly.”

Gorg. “Well, it *seems* at least that he won’t.”

Soc. “So do you remember what you said a moment ago, that one ought not to bring charges against the trainers and expel them from the cities if the boxer employs the boxing art and also commits an injustice, and that analogously if the orator uses the oratorical skill unjustly you advised us not to bring charges against the man who taught him and drive him out of the city, but to bring them instead against the man who acts unjustly and uses the skill incorrectly. Was all this said in your speech, or not?”

Gorg. “It was said.”

Soc. “But now we are seeing that this same person, the trained orator, would never act unjustly – aren’t we?”

Gorg. “So we are.”

Soc. “And, mark you, during the conversation we had at the beginning, we were arguing that the oratorical art was not about speeches concerning the odd and the even but speeches concerning the just and the unjust – correct?”

Gorg. “Yes.”

Soc. “Let me tell you, at that point I took you to be saying that oratory could never be unjust in practice given that it is always formulating arguments about justice, but then a moment later when you were arguing that the orator (461) *could* use oratory unjustly I was so

χρῶτο, οὕτω θαυμάσας· καὶ ἡγησάμενος οὐ συνάδειν τὰ λεγόμενα· ἐκείνους· εἶπον· τοὺς λόγους, ὅτι· εἰ μὲν κέρδος ἡγοῖο· εἶναι· τὸ· ἐλέγχεσθαι· ὥσπερ· ἐγώ,· ἄξιον· εἶη διαλέγεσθαι,· εἰ δὲ μή,· ἔαν· χαίρειν· ὕστερον· δὲ· ἡμῶν ἐπισκοπούμενων· ὁρᾷς· δὴ· καὶ· αὐτὸς· ὅτι· πάλιν· αὐ¹ ὁμολογεῖται τὸν ῥητορικὸν ἀδύνατον· εἶναι· ἀδίκως· χρῆσθαι τῇ ῥητορικῇ· καὶ· ἐθέλειν· ἀδικεῖν· ταῦτα οὖν ὅπη ποτὲ ἔχει, μὰ τὸν [b]· κύνα,· ὃ· Γοργία,· οὐκ· ὀλίγης· συνουσίας· ἐστὶν ὥστε· ἱκανῶς· διασκέψασθαι.¶

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→ ΠΩΛΟΣ·—τί· δαί,² ὃ· Σώκρατες; οὕτω· καὶ· σὺ· περὶ τῆς ῥητορικῆς· δοξάζεις· ὥσπερ· νῦν· λέγεις;· ἢ³· οἶει—ὅτι Γοργίας· ἡσχύνθη· σοι· μὴ· προσομολογήσαι· τὸν ῥητορικὸν ἄνδρα· μὴ· οὐχὶ· καὶ· τὰ· δίκαια· εἰδέναι· καὶ· τὰ· καλὰ· καὶ· τὰ ἀγαθὰ,· καὶ· ἔαν· μὴ· ἔλθῃ· ταῦτα· εἰδὼς· παρ’ αὐτόν, αὐτὸς διδάξῃ,· ἔπειτα· ἐκ· ταύτης· ἴσως· τῆς ὁμολογίας· ἐναντίον· τι συνέβῃ· ἐν· τοῖς· [c]· λόγοις—τοῦτο⁴· δὴ· ἀγαπᾷς, αὐτὸς ἀγαγὼν⁵· ἐπὶ· τοιαῦτα· ἐρωτήματα—ἐπεὶ· τίνα· οἶει ἀπαρνήσεσθαι· μὴ· οὐχὶ· καὶ· αὐτὸν· ἐπίστασθαι· τὰ· δίκαια· καὶ ἄλλους· διδάξῃ;· —ἀλλ’· εἰς· τὰ· τοιαῦτα· ἄγειν· πολλὴ ἀγροικία· ἐστὶν· τοὺς λόγους. → ←

→ ΣΩ· ὃ· κάλλιστε· Πῶλε,· ἀλλὰ· τοι⁶· ἐξεπίτηδες κτώμεθα· ἐταίρους· καὶ· υἱεῖς,⁷ ἵνα· ἐπειδὴν· αὐτοὶ πρεσβύτεροι· γενόμενοι· σφαλλώμεθα, παρόντες· υἱεῖς· οἱ¶

1· πάλιν· αὐ· F·: αὐ· BTWP·: αὐ πάλιν· coni· Heindorf.¶

2· τί· δαί· BTW²·: τί· δέ· WF· Olymp[λ].¶

3· ἢ· FP·: ἢ· BT·: καὶ· W.¶

4· τοῦτο· BTPF·: τοῦθ’· ὁ· fZbY·: τοῦτο· ὁ· Par²· f.¶

5· ἀγαγὼν] ἄγων· Par.¶

6· ἀλλὰ· τοι· BTW·: ἀλλὰ· τι· F.¶

7· ἐταίρους· καὶ· υἱεῖς· Ft·: ἐτέρους· υἱεῖς· BTWY·: ἐταίρους· υἱεῖς· NFlor·: ἐταίρους· coni· Schanz.¶

struck with the sense that what we were saying was out of tune with itself that I made those remarks that if you thought it profitable to be refuted, as I do, it was worth the trouble to discuss the matter, but if not that we should just let it go. And still later, in the course of our closer scrutiny of the matter, you can see with your own eyes that we have now gone back to agreeing that it is impossible for the trained orator to use oratory unjustly – to act unjustly, that is. By the Dog, Gorgias, to investigate adequately how it stands with this will call for a session far from short.”

POLUS – “What’s this, Socrates? Don’t tell me you, too, subscribe to *that* attitude! Do you really think – given that Gorgias would demur to stipulate for you that the real orator is of course cognizant of justice, and also the beautiful and the good, and that if someone did come to study with him who was not already knowledgeable about these things that he would himself teach him, and consequently because of this ‘agreement,’ as you might see it, there follows some contradiction in what he has said – do you really take pleasure in this, that you can lead someone into these questionings of yours? Who after all do you think will deny even of himself that he knows what is just, or would refuse to teach it to others? My gosh! To lead us into such as that shows a huge boorishness as to what speaking and discourse is all about!”

Soc. “But most excellent Polus, let me just say how lucky we are to have our very sons as companions, so that as we grow older and slip and fall we have

νεώτεροι ἐπανορθοῖτε¹ ἡμῶν τὸν βίον καὶ ἐν ἔργοις καὶ ἐν λόγοις. καὶ νῦν εἴ τι ἐγὼ καὶ [d] Γοργίας ἐν τοῖς λόγοις σφαλλόμεθα, σὺ παρὼν ἐπανόρθου — δίκαιος δ' εἶ—καὶ ἐγὼ ἐθέλω τῶν ὁμολογημένων εἴ τί σοι δοκεῖ μὴ καλῶς ὁμολογῆσθαι, ἀναθέσθαι ὅτι ἂν σὺ βούλῃ, ἐάν μοι ἐν μόνον φυλάττης.

ΠΩΛ. τί τοῦτο λέγεις;

ΣΩ. τὴν μακρολογίαν, ὃ Πῶλε, ἣν καθέρξης, ἥ τὸ πρῶτον ἐπεχείρησας χρῆσθαι.

ΠΩΛ. τί δαί;² οὐκ ἐξέσται μοι λέγειν ὅποσα ἂν βούλωμαι; [e]

ΣΩ. δεινὰ μεντὰν πάθοις, ὃ βέλτιστε, εἰ Ἀθήναζε ἀφικόμενος, οὗ τῆς Ἑλλάδος πλείστη ἐστὶν ἐξουσία τοῦ λέγειν, ἔπειτα σὺ ἐνταῦθα τούτου μόνος ἀτυχήσῃς. ἀλλὰ ἀντίθεος τοι·³ σοῦ μακρὰ λέγοντος καὶ μὴ ἐθέλοντος τὸ ἐρωτώμενον ἀποκρίνεσθαι, οὐ δεινὰ ἂν αὖ ἐγὼ πάθοιμι, εἰ μὴ ἐξέσται [462] μοι ἀπιέναι καὶ μὴ ἀκούειν σου; ἀλλ' εἴ τι κήδη τοῦ λόγου τοῦ εἰρημένου καὶ ἐπανορθώσασθαι αὐτὸν βούλει, ὥσπερ νυνδὴ ἔλεγον, ἀναθέμενος ὅτι σοι δοκεῖ, ἐν τῷ μέρει ἐρωτῶν τε καὶ ἐρωτώμενος, ὥσπερ ἐγὼ τε καὶ Γοργίας, ἔλεγχέ τε καὶ ἐλέγχου. φῆς γὰρ δήπου καὶ σὺ ἐπίστασθαι ἅπερ Γοργίας· ἢ οὐ;

ΠΩΛ. ἔγωγε.

7 ἐταίρους καὶ υἱεῖς Ft : ἐτέρους υἱεῖς BTWY : ἐταίρους υἱεῖς NFlor : ἐταίρους *coni.* Schanz.

1 ἐπανορθοῖτε BTPY : ἐπανορθῶτε F.

2 τί δαί BZZa : τί δέ TWPF : τί δή Olymp.[λ].

3 ἀλλὰ ἀντίθεος τοι ἀλλ' ἀντίθεος τοι *coni.* Dodds.

younger men standing by who will take it upon themselves to keep our lives upright by getting us back on our feet, not only literally but also in what we say. And so, just now, if Gorgias and I have somehow stumbled in our conversation, here you are, standing by to pick us up – you owe it to us elders – and as for myself, if there is some step in the things that have been agreed to that was erroneously agreed, I am willing that you retract whatever you want to, as long as you try to get one thing under control...”

Pol. “What thing is that?”

Soc. “Your macrology, Polus – if you would please hem it in – which you tried launching into at the start.”

Pol. “What’s this? I’m not to be allowed to say as much as I want?”

Soc. “What shocking abuse it would be, my finest of men, that you should arrive here in Athens, home of the broadest freedom of speech in all of Greece, only to be the one person denied the privilege! But look at it the other way: if you speak at length, shirking to answer the question you are asked, would it not be an abuse equally shocking that I would suffer if I should not be allowed (462) to walk out rather than sit here listening to you? Nay, if you find that you care about the argument that has been made and want to redeem it, then as I just said revise it as ever you wish, taking turns to question and be questioned, to refute and to be refuted, as Gorgias and I have agreed to do. You do affirm, don’t you, that you also are a master of the same things as Gorgias?”

Pol. “I do.”

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ σὺ κελεύεις σαυτὸν ἐρωτᾶν ἐκάσ-
τοτε ὅτι ἂν τις βούληται, ὥς ἐπιστάμενος ἀποκρίνεσθαι;

ΠΩΛ. πάνυ μὲν οὖν. [b]

ΣΩ. καὶ νῦν δὴ τούτων ὁπότερον βούλει ποίει,
ἐρώτα ἢ ἀποκρίνου.

ΠΩΛ. ἀλλὰ ποιήσω ταῦτα. καὶ μοι ἀπόκριναι, ὃ
Σώκρατες· ἐπειδὴ Γοργίας ἀπορεῖν σοι δοκεῖ περὶ τῆς
ῥητορικῆς, σὺ αὐτὴν τίνα φῆς εἶναι;

ΣΩ. ἄρα ἐρωτᾷς ἥντινα τέχνην φημὶ εἶναι;

ΠΩΛ. ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. οὐδεμία ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ, ὃ Πῶλε, ὥς γε πρὸς σὲ
τάληθ' εἰρησθαι.

ΠΩΛ. ἀλλὰ τί σοι δοκεῖ ἡ ῥητορικὴ¹ εἶναι;

ΣΩ. πρᾶγμα ὃ φῆς σὺ ποιῆσαι τέχνην ἐν τῷ
συγγράμματι [c] ὃ ἐγὼ ἔναγχος ἀνέγων.

ΠΩΛ. τί τοῦτο λέγεις;

ΣΩ. ἐμπειρίαν ἔγωγέ τινα.

ΠΩΛ. ἐμπειρία ἄρα σοι δοκεῖ ἡ ῥητορικὴ εἶναι;

ΣΩ. ἔμοιγε, εἰ μή τι σὺ ἄλλο λέγεις.

ΠΩΛ. τίνος ἐμπειρία;

ΣΩ. χάριτός τινος καὶ ἡδονῆς ἀπεργασίας.

ΠΩΛ. οὐκοῦν² καλὸν σοι δοκεῖ ἡ ῥητορικὴ εἶναι,

Soc. “So do you also make a practice of telling
people to ask you whatever they want, thinking yourself a
master at answering?”

Pol. “Quite so.”

Soc. “Just so, do whichever *you* have a mind to:
play the questioner or the answerer.”

Pol. “I will do what *you* are suggesting. Answer
me, Socrates. Since you find Gorgias to be in a jam about
oratory, which do *you* say it is?”

Soc. “Do you mean to ask which *art* I think it
is?”

Pol. “I do.”

Soc. “No art at all, in my opinion, Polus, if I am
to speak candidly.”

Pol. “But what is oratory in your opinion?”

Soc. “The thing that you, in your manual, allege
has made it into an art, as I have recognized just now.”

Pol. “What are you talking about?”

Soc. “A kind of ‘experiencedness’ I’d say.”

Pol. “You believe oratory is a ‘being experi-
enced’?”

Soc. “I do, unless you say otherwise.”

Pol. “Being experienced at what?”

Soc. “At effecting a sort of good cheer or
pleasure.”

Pol. “So it is a *fine* thing you judge oratory to

1 ἡ ῥητορικὴ] *secl.* Beck.

2 οὐκοῦν] οὐκ οὖν *scr.* Sauppe : οὐκουν Dodds.

χαρίζεσθαι οἷόν τε εἶναι ἀνθρώποις;

ΣΩ. τί δέ, ὦ Πῶλε; ἤδη πέπυσαι παρ' ἐμοῦ ὅτι φημί [d] αὐτὴν εἶναι, ὥστε τὸ μετὰ τοῦτο ἐρωτᾷς εἰ οὐ καλὴ μοι δοκεῖ εἶναι;

ΠΩΛ. οὐ γὰρ πέπυσμαι ὅτι ἐμπειρίαν τινὰ αὐτὴν φῆς εἶναι;

ΣΩ. βούλει οὖν, ἐπειδὴ τιμᾷς τὸ χαρίζεσθαι, σμικρόν τί μοι χαρίσασθαι;

ΠΩΛ. ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. ἐροῦ νῦν με, ὁψοποιία εἴ τις¹ μοι δοκεῖ τέχνη εἶναι.

ΠΩΛ. ἐρωτῶ δὴ, τίς τέχνη ὁψοποιία;

ΣΩ. οὐδεμία, ὦ Πῶλε.

ΠΩΛ. ἀλλὰ τί; φάθι.²

ΣΩ. φημί δὴ, ἐμπειρία τις.

ΠΩΛ. τίνος;³ φάθι.

ΣΩ. φημί δὴ, χάριτος καὶ ἡδονῆς [e] ἀπεργασίας, ὧ Πῶλε.

ΠΩΛ. ταῦτόν δ'⁴ ἐστὶν ὁψοποιία καὶ ῥητορικὴ;

ΣΩ. οὐδαμῶς γε, ἀλλὰ τῆς αὐτῆς μὲν⁵ ἐπιτηδεύσεως

1 εἴ τις ... τέχνη BTW : ἥ τις ... τέχνη τις Y : ἥ τις ... τέχνη FPar² Ficinus.

2 ΣΩ. οὐδεμία ... Πῶλε] ΣΩ. οὐδεμία, ὦ Πῶλε. Ἀλλὰ τί; φάθι. – ΠΩ. φημί δὴ. – ΣΩ. Ἐμπειρία τις. τίνος; φάθι. – ΠΩ. φημί δὴ. – ΣΩ. χάριτος καὶ ἡδονῆς ἀπεργασίας, ὧ Πῶλε *distribuit* Hirschig.

3 τίνος F *in marg.* (edd.) : τίς of BTPFY.

4 δ' BTP : δὲ W : ἄρ' J : ἄρ' F : ἄρα Olymp. : δὴ, *coni.* Heindorf.

5 μὲν BTW (edd.) : *om.* PF.

be, as being able to please our fellow men!"

Soc. "What's this, Polus? Have you already learned from me *what* I say it is, so that you go on to ask me the next question, whether I don't think it *fine*?"

Pol. "So I didn't learn from you that it is a kind of 'being experienced'."

Soc. "Since you value pleasing people, would you be willing to please me in a small way?"

Pol. "I would."

Soc. "Then ask me about producing delicacies, whether it is an art."

Pol. "Alright. Which art is it that produces delicacies?"

Soc. "No art at all, Polus."

Pol. "But then what is it? Say!"

Soc. "Say I will: it is a kind of being experienced."

Pol. "At what? Say!"

Soc. "Say I will: at the effecting of good cheer and pleasure."

Pol. "And producing delicacies and oratory are the same thing!"

Soc. "Oh no, not at all, but parts at least of one

μόριον.

ΠΩΛ. τίνας λέγεις ταύτης;

ΣΩ. μὴ ἀγροικότερον ἢ τὸ ἀληθὲς εἰπεῖν· ὁκνῶ γὰρ Γοργίου ἔνεκα λέγειν, μὴ οἷται με διακωμῶδεῖν τὸ ἑαυτοῦ ἐπιτήδευμα. ἐγὼ δέ, εἰ μὲν τοῦτό ἐστιν ἡ ῥητορικὴ ἦν Γοργίας [463] ἐπιτηδεύει, οὐκ οἶδα—καὶ γὰρ ἄρτι ἐκ τοῦ λόγου οὐδὲν ἡμῖν καταφανὲς ἐγένετο τί ποτε οὗτος ἡγεῖται—ὁ δ' ἐγὼ καλῶ τὴν ῥητορικὴν, πράγματός τινός ἐστι μόριον οὐδενὸς τῶν καλῶν.

ΓΟΡ. τίνας, ὦ Σώκρατες; εἰπέ· μηδὲν ἐμὲ αἰσχυνθῆς.

ΣΩ. δοκεῖ τοίνυν μοι, ὦ Γοργία, εἶναι τι ἐπιτήδευμα τεχνικὸν μὲν οὐ, ψυχῆς δὲ στοχαστικῆς καὶ ἀνδρείας καὶ φύσει δεινῆς προσομιλεῖν τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· καλῶ δὲ αὐτοῦ [b] ἐγὼ τὸ κεφάλαιον κολακείαν. ταύτης μοι δοκεῖ τῆς ἐπιτηδεύσεως πολλὰ μὲν καὶ ἄλλα μόρια εἶναι, ἐν δὲ καὶ ἡ ὀψοποιική· ὁ δοκεῖ μὲν εἶναι τέχνη, ὥς δὲ ὁ ἐμὸς λόγος, οὐκ ἔστιν τέχνη ἀλλ' ἐμπειρία καὶ τριβή. ταύτης μόριον καὶ τὴν ῥητορικὴν ἐγὼ καλῶ καὶ τὴν γε κομμωτικὴν καὶ τὴν σοφιστικὴν, τέτταρα ταῦτα μόρια ἐπὶ τέτταρσιν πράγμασιν. εἰ οὖν βούλεται Πῶλος πυνθάνεσθαι, πυνθανέσθω· οὐ γάρ [c] πω πέπυσται ὁποῖόν φημι ἐγὼ τῆς κολακείας μόριον εἶναι τὴν ῥητορικὴν, ἀλλ' αὐτὸν λέληθα οὐπω ἀποκεκριμένος, ὁ δὲ ἐπανερωτᾷ εἰ οὐ καλὸν ἡγοῦμαι εἶναι. ἐγὼ δὲ αὐτῷ οὐκ ἀποκρινοῦμαι πρότερον εἴτε καλὸν εἴτε αἰσχρὸν ἡγοῦμαι εἶναι τὴν ῥητορικὴν πρὶν ἂν πρῶτον

and the same occupation.”

Pol. “And what occupation is that, according to you?”

Soc. “I hope telling what I truly think will not seem even more slovenly of me! I shrink from answering because of Gorgias, fearing he’ll think I am trying to parody his own occupation. Let me put it this way: I do not know whether what I am talking about is the sort of oratory Gorgias (463) is occupied with – after all, the discussion we just conducted left not at all clear what your man holds on that question – but still, for me, what I am calling oratory is a part of an activity not at all among the things that are fine.”

GORGAS: “A part of what activity, Socrates? Out with it! Blush not for *me*!”

Soc. “Alright then, Gorgias. It seems to me to be a sort of practice not truly artful, but rather the practice of a soul bold at guessing and by nature clever at dealing with people. Speaking on a general level I would call it pandering; within it there are other parts besides this one, one of which as I was saying is delicacies, which may seem to be an art though what I am trying to say is that it is not an art but a sort of empirical knack. And I call the oratorical knack another part of it, as well as the cosmetic knack and the sophistic knack – four parts, these, operating on four things respectively. If Polus is interested in getting answers, let him ask. For he has not yet asked what kind of a part of pandering I say oratory is, and he failed to realize that I had not yet answered that question. Instead, he moved on to ask if I didn’t think it was a *fine* thing, but I won’t answer whether I think

ἀποκρίνωμαι ὅτι¹ ἐστίν. οὐ γὰρ δίκαιον, ὦ Πῶλε· ἀλλ’ εἵπερ βούλει πυθέσθαι, ἐρώτα ὅποιον μόνιον τῆς κολακείας φημί εἶναι τὴν ῥητορικὴν.

ΠΩΛ. ἐρωτῶ δὴ, καὶ ἀποκρίναι² ὅποιον μόνιον. [d]

ΣΩ. ἄρ’ οὖν ἂν μάθοις ἀποκριναμένου; ἔστιν γὰρ ἡ ῥητορικὴ κατὰ τὸν ἐμὸν λόγον πολιτικῆς μορίου εἰδωλον.

ΠΩΛ. τί οὖν; καλὸν ἢ αἰσχρὸν λέγεις αὐτὴν εἶναι;

ΣΩ. αἰσχρὸν ἔγωγε—τὰ γὰρ κακὰ αἰσχροῦ καλῶ—ἐπειδὴ δεῖ σοι ἀποκρίνασθαι ὡς ἥδη εἰδότες ἃ ἐγὼ λέγω.

ΓΟΡ. μὰ τὸν Δία, ὦ Σώκρατες, ἀλλ’ ἐγὼ οὐδὲ αὐτὸς συνίημι ὅτι λέγεις. [e]

ΣΩ. εἰκότως γε, ὦ Γοργία· οὐδὲν γὰρ πῶ σαφὲς λέγω, Πῶλος δὲ ὅδε νέος ἐστὶ καὶ ὀξύς.

ΓΟΡ. ἀλλὰ τοῦτον μὲν ἔα, ἐμοὶ δ’ εἰπὲ πῶς λέγεις πολιτικῆς μορίου εἰδωλον εἶναι τὴν ῥητορικὴν.

ΣΩ. ἀλλ’ ἐγὼ πειράσομαι φράσαι ὅ γέ μοι φαίνεται εἶναι ἡ ῥητορικὴ· εἰ δὲ μὴ τυγχάνει ὃν τοῦτο, Πῶλος ὅδε [464] ἐλέγξει. σῶμά που καλεῖς τι καὶ ψυχὴν;

ΓΟΡ. πῶς γὰρ οὐ;

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ τούτων οἶει τινὰ εἶναι ἑκατέρου εὐεξίαν;

1 ὅτι ἐστίν BTPF : ὅ ἐστίν Aristides.

2 καὶ ἀποκρίναι] *secl.* Cobet.

oratory is a fine or an ugly thing before I first answer *what* it is. To do that is not proper, Polus. Instead, if you want to ask questions, ask what kind of part of pandering I say is the oratorical one.”

Pol. “Ask I will. Answer what kind of part.”

Soc. “Is it conceivable you will understand my answer? For I say that the oratorical is an image of a part of the political pandering.”

Pol. “So *now* I will ask whether you say oratory is a fine thing or an ugly thing.”

Soc. “Ugly is my answer – for I call bad things ugly – since I must answer you as though you know what I am saying.”

Gorg. “By Zeus, Socrates, even I am not getting what you are saying.”

Soc. “That’s to be expected, Gorgias, since I have not said anything at all clear as of yet, whereas this coltish Polus I am having to deal with is young and headstrong.”

Gorg. “Just let him go and tell me, instead, what you mean by saying the oratorical is ‘an image of a part of the political pandering’.”

Soc. “Then I’ll try to express what the oratorical seems to be to me at least, and if it turns out not to be, this Polus here (464) will do the refuting. Presumably you call something body and something soul?”

Gorg. “How not?”

Soc. “And do you believe that each has its own state of well being?”

Gorg. “I do.”

ΓΟΡ. ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. τί δέ; δοκοῦσαν μὲν εὐεξίαν, οὖσαν δ' οὐ; οἶον τοιόνδε λέγω· πολλοὶ δοκοῦσιν εὖ ἔχειν τὰ σώματα, οὓς οὐκ ἂν ῥαδίως αἰσθοιτό τις ὅτι οὐκ εὖ ἔχουσιν, ἄλλος ἢ¹ ἰατρός τε καὶ τῶν γυμναστικῶν τις.

ΓΟΡ. ἀληθῆ λέγεις.

ΣΩ. τὸ τοιοῦτον λέγω καὶ ἐν σώματι εἶναι καὶ ἐν ψυχῇ, ὅτι² ποιεῖ μὲν δοκεῖν εὖ ἔχειν τὸ σῶμα καὶ τὴν ψυχήν, [b] ἔχει δὲ οὐδὲν μᾶλλον.

ΓΟΡ. ἔστι ταῦτα.

ΣΩ. φέρε δὴ σοι, ἐὰν δύνωμαι, σαφέστερον ἐπιδείξω ὃ λέγω. δυοῖν ὄντοιν τοῖν πραγμάτοιιν δύο λέγω τέχνας· τὴν μὲν³ ἐπὶ τῇ ψυχῇ πολιτικὴν καλῶ, τὴν δὲ ἐπὶ σώματι μίαν μὲν οὕτως ὀνομάσαι οὐκ ἔχω σοι, μιᾶς δὲ οὐσης τῆς τοῦ σώματος θεραπείας δύο μόρια λέγω, τὴν μὲν γυμναστικὴν, τὴν δὲ ἰατρικὴν· τῆς δὲ πολιτικῆς ἀντὶ μὲν τῆς γυμναστικῆς τὴν νομοθετικὴν, ἀντίστροφον δὲ τῇ ἰατρικῇ τὴν δικαιοσύνην.⁴ [c] ἐπικοινωνοῦσι μὲν δὴ ἀλλήλαις, ἅτε περὶ τὸ αὐτὸ οὔσαι, ἐκάτεραι τούτων, ἥ τε ἰατρικὴ τῇ γυμναστικῇ καὶ ἡ δικαιοσύνη τῇ νομοθετικῇ· ὁμως δὲ διαφέρουσιν τι ἀλλήλων.

τεττάρων δὴ τούτων οὐσῶν, καὶ ἀεὶ πρὸς τὸ βέλτιστον θεραπευουσῶν τῶν μὲν τὸ σῶμα, τῶν δὲ τὴν

1 ἄλλος ἢ BTPF : ἄλλ' ἢ Aristides.

2 ὅτι BTP Ficinus : ὅ F Aristides.

3 τὴν μὲν BTP : καὶ τὴν μὲν F : τὴν μὲν οὖν Aristides.

4 δικαιοσύνην (*hic et ad C2 et ad 465C3*) BTPY Aristides *schol. vet.* [*iustitiam*, Quint.] : δικαστικὴν F Olymp. Procl.

Soc. “How about this: do you believe they have an apparent well being that is not real and true? I mean something like this: many people appear to be well in their bodies, people one could not readily perceive not to be well unless he were a doctor or a gymnastic expert of some kind.”

Gorg. “That is true.”

Soc. “The sort of thing I am speaking about, in both in body and in soul, is what creates the appearance that the body and the soul are well, while their actual state has nothing to do with it.”

Gorg. “That is how it is.”

Soc. “Come then. If I am able, I will lay out for you more clearly what I am trying to say. Just as there are two things, I say there are two arts: the art dealing with soul is what I call the political; as for the art dealing with the body, though I do not likewise have a name for it as a single art, while itself single this caring for the body has two parts, the one being the gymnastic art and the other the healing art. And of the political art, the part that correlates to the gymnastic I call the legislative, whereas the correlate to the healing art I call justice. Now these several parts have some overlap with each other, respectively, since each pair deals with the same thing – the healing art overlapping the gymnastic, and justice overlapping legislation – while at the same time they are distinct from one another.

“Now while they are four and while it is always with a view of its noblest state they are administering

ψυχὴν, ἢ κολακευτικὴ αἰσθομένη¹ —οὐ γνοῦσα λέγω ἀλλὰ στοχασαμένη—τέτραχα ἑαυτὴν διανείμασα, ὑποδύσα ὑπὸ ἑκαστον τῶν μορίων, προσποιεῖται [d] εἶναι τοῦτο ὅπερ ὑπέδου, καὶ τοῦ μὲν βελτίστου οὐδὲν φροντίζει, τῷ δὲ ἀεὶ ἡδίστῳ θηρεύεται τὴν ἄνοιαν² καὶ ἐξαπατᾷ, ὥστε δοκεῖν³ πλείστου ἀξία εἶναι. ὑπὸ μὲν οὖν τὴν ἰατρικὴν ἢ ὀψοποικὴν ὑποδέδουκεν, καὶ προσποιεῖται τὰ βέλτιστα σιτία τῷ σώματι εἰδέναι, ὥστ' εἰ δέοι ἐν παισὶ διαγωνίζεσθαι ὀψοποιόν τε καὶ ἰατρόν, ἢ ἐν ἀνδράσιν οὕτως ἀνοήτοις ὥσπερ οἱ παῖδες, πότερος ἐπαῖει περὶ τῶν χρηστῶν σιτίων καὶ [e] πονηρῶν, ὁ ἰατρός ἢ ὁ ὀψοποιός, λιμῶ ἂν ἀποθανεῖν τὸν ἰατρόν. κολακείαν μὲν οὖν αὐτὸ καλῶ, καὶ αἰσχρόν φημι [465] εἶναι τὸ τοιοῦτον, ὃ Πῶλε—τοῦτο γὰρ πρὸς σὲ λέγω—ὅτι τοῦ ἡδέος στοχάζεται ἄνευ τοῦ βελτίστου· τέχνην δὲ αὐτὴν⁴ οὐ φημι εἶναι ἀλλ' ἐμπειρίαν, ὅτι οὐκ ἔχει λόγον οὐδένα ὃ προσφέρει ἢ προσφέρει⁵ ὅποι' ἅττα τὴν φύσιν ἐστίν, ὥστε τὴν αἰτίαν ἐκάστου μὴ ἔχειν εἰπεῖν. ἐγὼ δὲ τέχνην οὐ καλῶ ὃ ἂν ἢ ἄλογον πρᾶγμα·

.... τούτων δὲ πέρι εἰ ἀμφισβητεῖς, ἐθέλω ὑποσχεῖν λόγον....[b]

τῇ μὲν οὖν ἰατρικῇ, ὥσπερ λέγω, ἢ ὀψοποικὴ κολακεία ὑπόκειται· τῇ δὲ γυμναστικῇ κατὰ τὸν αὐτὸν τρόπον τοῦτον ἢ κομμωτικῇ, κακοῦργός τε καὶ ἀπατηλῇ

1 αἰσθομένη F Aristides : αἰσθανομένη BTPY.

2 ἄνοιαν] εὔνοιαν *coni.* Heusde.

3 δοκεῖν B²F Aristides : δοκεῖ πλείστου ἀξία BTP.

4 αὐτὴν (A2) BTPf Aristides Olymp. Ficinus : αὐτὸ J Steph. in marg. : αὐτοῦ F.

5 ὃ προσφέρει ἢ προσφέρει] : ὃ προσφέρει JQ Aristides : ὧν προσφέρει Doxopatrius Cornarius Ficinus [*eorum quam affert*] : ἢ προσφέρει Aristidis ms. E^d : ὃ προσφέρει <ῆ> ἢ προσφέρει *coni.* Dodds.

their care, the one pair for the body and the other pair the soul, the pandereutic, sensing them – not understanding, that is, but guessing – distributes itself fourfold, and, donning the apparel of these four parts respectively, feigns that it actually is the thing it dresses up as. It has no concern at all for the best state of things, but by exploiting any opportunity to maximize pleasure, it always hunts after mindlessness and works its deception with the result that it is judged a thing of highest worth. In the robes of the healing art lurks the pandering of the delicatessen, and portrays itself as knowing what are the noblest of foods for the body, so that if among children there should be a contest between the delicatessen and the doctor – or for that matter among grown men as mindless as children – as to which of these can really tell the difference between foods wholesome and corrupt, the doctor or the delicatessen, the doctor would starve for patients. I call the thing pandering, and I condemn it as ugly (465), Polus – this answer I direct to you – because it aims at pleasure without regard for the noble. Moreover, an art I deny it to be, only accumulated experience, because it has no rationale at all by which it prescribes the things it prescribes, according to what they are by nature, out of the lack of which it is unequipped to say what causes what. For my part I do not call any activity that lacks a rationale an art.

“... If you dispute these things I am willing to defend them in argument...”

“Now as I am arguing, in the garb of the healing art lurks the delicatessen’s pandering. In that of the gymnastic art by the same token lurks cosmetic pandering, a practice destructive, deceptive, ignoble, and

καὶ ἀγεννῆς καὶ ἀνελεύθερος,¹ σχήμασιν καὶ χρώμασιν καὶ λειότητι καὶ αἰσθήσει² ἀπατῶσα, ὥστε ποιεῖν ἀλλότριον κάλλος ἐφελκομένους τοῦ οἰκείου τοῦ διὰ τῆς γυμναστικῆς ἀμελεῖν. ἴν' οὖν μὴ μακρολογῶ, ἐθέλω σοι εἰπεῖν ὥσπερ οἱ γεωμέτραι—ἤδη γὰρ [c] ἂν ἴσως ἀκολουθήσαιοις—ὅτι κομμωτικὴ πρὸς γυμναστικὴν, τοῦτο ὀψοποικὴ πρὸς ἰατρικὴν· μᾶλλον δὲ ὥδε³ ὅτι ὁ κομμωτικὴ πρὸς γυμναστικὴν, τοῦτο σοφιστικὴ πρὸς νομοθετικὴν, καὶ ὅτι ὁ ὀψοποικὴ πρὸς ἰατρικὴν, τοῦτο ῥητορικὴ πρὸς δικαιοσύνην.⁴ ὅπερ μέντοι λέγω, διέστηκε μὲν οὕτω φύσει, ἅτε δ' ἐγγὺς ὄντων φύρονται ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ καὶ περὶ ταῦτα σοφισταὶ καὶ ῥήτορες, καὶ οὐκ ἔχουσιν ὅτι χρήσονται οὔτε αὐτοὶ ἑαυτοῖς οὔτε οἱ ἄλλοι ἄνθρωποι τούτοις. καὶ γὰρ ἂν, εἰ μὴ ἡ ψυχὴ τῷ σώματι [d] ἐπεστάται, ἀλλ' αὐτὸ αὐτῷ, καὶ μὴ ὑπὸ ταύτης κατεθεωρεῖτο καὶ διεκρίνετο ἢ τε ὀψοποικὴ καὶ ἡ ἰατρικὴ, ἀλλ' αὐτὸ τὸ σῶμα ἔκρινε σταθμώμενον ταῖς χάρισι ταῖς πρὸς αὐτό, τὸ τοῦ Ἀναξαγόρου ἂν πολὺ ἦν, ὃ φίλε Πῶλε – σὺ γὰρ τούτων ἔμπειρος – ὁμοῦ ἂν πάντα χρήματα ἐφύρετο ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ, ἀκρίτων ὄντων τῶν τε ἰατρικῶν καὶ ὑγιεινῶν καὶ ὀψοποικῶν.⁵

1 κακοῦργός τε καὶ ἀπατηλὴ καὶ ἀγεννῆς καὶ ἀνελεύθερος BTPF : κακοῦργος τε οὐσα καὶ ... ἀνελεύθερος YF² : <ἢ> κακοῦργος τε καὶ κτλ *coni.* Dodds.

2 λειότητι καὶ αἰσθήσει BTPY : λειότησι καὶ αἰσθήσει Esc. E2 E3) : λειότητι καὶ ἐσθῆσι F : λειότητι καὶ ἐσθῆτι Aristides : λειότητι καὶ ἐσθῆσει *scr.* Coraes : λειότητι καὶ ἀνθήσει *coni.* Ast : λειότητι καὶ ὁσμῇσει *coni.* Theiler.

3 ὅτι ὁ κομμωτικὴ πρὸς γυμναστικὴν, τοῦτο ὀψοποικὴ πρὸς ἰατρικὴν· μᾶλλον δὲ ὥδε BTPY Steph. Ficinus : *om.* WF Aristides.

4 δικαιοσύνην] cf. *supra*, 464B.

5 τῶν τε ἰατρικῶν καὶ ὑγιεινῶν καὶ ὀψοποικῶν] *secl.* ὑγιεινῶν καὶ Dobree.

slavish that deceives with lines and colors and smoothness and sensation so as to create a beauty that people can bring on to themselves that is quite alien to the appearance that is their own resulting from their neglect of exercise. To keep from going on too long I would put it to you as the geometers do – you doubtless can already follow it: as the cosmetic is to the gymnastic, so is the delicatessen to the medical – but now make it thus: as the cosmetic is to the gymnastic, so is the sophistic to the legislative; and as the delicatessen is to the doctor, so is oratory to justice. Now as I already said, they really are distinct in this way from each other by nature, but by dint of their being close to each other, the sophists and the orators are mixed together and taken to deal with the same things, so that they do not know which name to use for themselves, just as the rest of mankind doesn't know what to call them. For so it would be if the soul were not overseeing the body but rather the body oversaw itself; and if it were not by the soul that the pair of them, the delicatessen and the doctor, were observed and distinguished, but rather the body were the judge, weighing between them the pleasantries they render it: we would have the Anaxagorean condition in a big way, Polus my pal – something for which you have your own knack. All things would be mixed together in the same place, with medicine and health and delicacies indistinguishable.

ὁ μὲν οὖν ἐγὼ φημι τὴν ῥητορικὴν εἶναι, ἀκήκοας· ἀντίστροφον [e] ὁσοποίας ἐν ψυχῇ, ὡς ἐκεῖνο ἐν σώματι. ἴσως μὲν οὖν ἄτοπον πεποίηκα, ὅτι σε οὐκ ἐὼν μακροῦς λόγους λέγειν αὐτὸς συχνὸν λόγον ἀποτέτακα. ἄξιον μὲν οὖν ἐμοὶ συγγνώμην ἔχειν ἐστίν· λέγοντος γάρ μου βραχέα οὐκ ἐμάνθανες, οὐδὲ χρῆσθαι τῇ ἀποκρίσει ἣν σοι ἀπεκρινάμην οὐδὲν οἴός τ' ἦσθα, ἀλλ' ἐδέου διηγήσεως. ἐὰν μὲν οὖν καὶ [466] ἐγὼ σοῦ ἀποκρινομένου μὴ ἔχω ὀτιχρήσωμαι, ἀπότεινε καὶ σὺ λόγον, ἐὰν δὲ ἔχω, ἔα με χρῆσθαι· δίκαιον γάρ. καὶ νῦν ταύτῃ τῇ ἀποκρίσει εἴ τι ἔχεις χρῆσθαι, χρῶ.

ΠΩΛ. τί οὖν φῆς; κολακεία δοκεῖ σοι εἶναι ἡ ῥητορικὴ;

ΣΩ. κολακείας μὲν οὖν ἔγωγε εἶπον μόριον. ἀλλ' οὐ μνημονεύεις τηλικούτου ὧν, ὦ Πῶλε; τί τάχα δράσεις πρεσβύτης γενόμενος;¹

ΠΩΛ. ἄρ' οὖν δοκοῦσί σοι ὡς κόλακες ἐν ταῖς πόλεσι φαῦλοι νομίζεσθαι οἱ ἀγαθοὶ ῥήτορες; [b]

ΣΩ. ἐρώτημα τοῦτ' ἐρωτᾷς ἢ λόγου τινὸς ἀρχὴν λέγεις;

ΠΩΛ. ἐρωτῶ ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. οὐδὲ νομίζεσθαι ἔμοιγε δοκοῦσιν.

“So you have now heard what I say oratory is: the correlate for the soul to what delicacy was for the body. Perhaps, in summary, I have done something very untoward in not allowing you to make long speeches while I myself have stretched out a continuous and long speech. Looking back, perhaps I deserve some clemency, since when I spoke in short compass and directly, you were not getting my meaning nor were you able to deal with the answer I gave you, but were needing to be taken through, step by step. And so if I, too, (466) prove unable to deal with an answer of yours, go ahead and stretch out your own explanation in turn; but if on the other hand I am able to deal with it, let me deal with it. So much is only fair. And likewise, if you are able to deal with my answer, deal away!”

Pol. “So what are you saying? To you, oratory is *pandering*?”

Soc “A *part* of pandering, I said. But you don’t remember, Polus, though you are so young. What are we to expect from you as you become older?”

Pol. “Do you really think our goodly orators in the cities are held in low esteem because people think them panders?”

Soc. “Is that a question or the beginning of a speech?”

Pol. “I only mean to ask.”

Soc. “They are not even estimated.”

1 πρεσβύτης γενόμενος ZZaNFloer : *om.* mss.

ΠΩΛ. πῶς οὐ νομίζεσθαι; οὐ μέγιστον δύνανται ἐν ταῖς πόλεσιν;

ΣΩ. οὐκ, εἰ τὸ δύνασθαι γε λέγεις ἀγαθόν τι εἶναι τῷ δυναμένῳ.

ΠΩΛ. ἀλλὰ μὲν δὴ¹ λέγω γε.

ΣΩ. ἐλάχιστον τοίνυν μοι δοκοῦσι τῶν ἐν τῇ πόλει δύνασθαι οἱ ῥήτορες.

ΠΩΛ. τί δέ; οὐχ, ὥσπερ οἱ τύραννοι, ἀποκτεινύασιν τε [c] ὃν ἂν βούλωνται, καὶ ἀφαιροῦνται χρήματα καὶ ἐκβάλλουσιν ἐκ τῶν πόλεων ὃν ἂν δοκῇ αὐτοῖς;

ΣΩ. νῆ τὸν κύνα, ἀμφιγνοῶ μέντοι, ὃ Πῶλε, ἐφ' ἐκάστου ὧν λέγεις πότερον αὐτὸς ταῦτα λέγεις καὶ γνώμην σαυτοῦ ἀποφαίνει, ἢ ἐμὲ ἐρωτᾷς.

ΠΩΛ. ἀλλ' ἔγωγε σὲ ἐρωτῶ.

ΣΩ. εἶεν, ὃ φίλε· ἔπειτα δύο ἅμα με ἐρωτᾷς.

ΠΩΛ. πῶς δύο;

ΣΩ. οὐκ ἄρτι οὕτω πως ἔλεγες· ἢ οὐχί² ἀποκτεινύασιν [d] οἱ ῥήτορες οὓς ἂν βούλωνται, ὥσπερ οἱ τύραννοι, καὶ χρήματα ἀφαιροῦνται καὶ ἐξελαύνουσιν ἐκ τῶν πόλεων ὃν ἂν δοκῇ αὐτοῖς;

ΠΩΛ. ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. λέγω τοίνυν σοι ὅτι δύο ταῦτ' ἐστὶν τὰ³ ἐρωτήματα, καὶ ἀποκρινοῦμαί γέ σοι πρὸς ἀμφοτέρω. φημί

1 ἀλλὰ μὲν δὴ *coni.* Heindorf : ἀλλὰ μὴν Esc? Steph. *in marg.* : ἀλλὰ μὴν δὴ mss.

2 ἢ οὐχί (C9) *coni.* Burnet : εἰ ὅτι BTW : εἰ οὐχί F : ὅτι PY.

3 τὰ BTWF Stob. : *om.* ΦS2.

Pol. “How can you say they are ‘not estimated’? Don’t they wield the greatest power in the cities?”

Soc. “No, if you are saying that having power is something good for the person who has it.”

Pol. “But I certainly do.”

Soc. “Well in that case, of all the people in the city the orators seem to me to have the least power.”

Pol. “What? Don’t they, like the tyrants, execute whomever they want, and fine and exile from the cities whomever they decide to?”

Soc. “By the Dog, I really cannot decide, Polus, whether what you are saying are arguments you are making in trying to reveal your own opinion, or whether they are questions for me to answer.”

Pol. “You heard me, I *asked* you!”

Soc. “In that case, my dear, I’ll say you are asking me two things at once.”

Pol. “How two?”

Soc. “Didn’t you just say, ‘Do the orators not execute whomever they want, as the tyrants do, and fine and expel from the cities whomever they decide to’?”

Pol. “I did.”

Soc. “Well then I say to you that your questions are two, and as such I will give you an answer for both of

γάρ, ὦ Πῶλε, ἐγὼ καὶ τοὺς ῥήτορας καὶ τοὺς τυράννους δύνασθαι μὲν ἐν ταῖς πόλεσιν σμικρότατον, ὥσπερ νυνδὴ ἔλεγον· οὐδὲν [e] γὰρ ποιεῖν ὧν βούλονται ὡς ἔπος εἰπεῖν, ποιεῖν μέντοι ὅτι ἂν αὐτοῖς δόξη βέλτιστον εἶναι.

ΠΩΛ. οὐκ οὐν¹ τοῦτο ἔστιν τὸ μέγα δύνασθαι;

ΣΩ. οὐχ, ὡς γέ φησιν Πῶλος.²

ΠΩΛ. ἐγὼ οὐ φημι; φημι μὲν οὖν ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. μὰ τὸν³—οὐ σύ γε, ἐπεὶ τὸ μέγα δύνασθαι ἔφης ἀγαθὸν εἶναι τῷ δυναμένῳ.

ΠΩΛ. φημι γὰρ οὖν.

ΣΩ. ἀγαθὸν οὖν οἶει εἶναι, ἐάν τις ποιῇ ταῦτα ἃ ἂν δοκῇ αὐτῷ βέλτιστα εἶναι, νοῦν μὴ ἔχων; καὶ τοῦτο καλεῖς σὺ⁴ μέγα δύνασθαι;

ΠΩΛ. οὐκ ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν ἀποδείξεις τοὺς ῥήτορας νοῦν ἔχοντας καὶ [467] τέχνην τὴν ῥητορικὴν ἀλλὰ μὴ κολακείαν, ἐμὲ ἐξελέγξας; εἰ δέ με ἐάσεις ἀνέλεγκτον, οἱ ῥήτορες οἱ ποιοῦντες ἐν ταῖς πόλεσιν ἃ δοκεῖ αὐτοῖς καὶ οἱ τύραννοι οὐδὲν ἀγαθὸν τοῦτο κεκτήσονται, ἢ δὲ⁵ δύναμὶς ἔστιν, ὡς σὺ φῆς, ἀγαθόν, τὸ δὲ ποιεῖν ἄνευ νοῦ ἃ δοκεῖ καὶ σὺ ὁμολογεῖς κακὸν εἶναι· ἢ οὐ;

ΠΩΛ. ἔγωγε.

1 οὐκ οὐν *coni.* Denniston *vel* οὐκ οὖν B : οὐκοῦν TPWF.

2 ΣΩ. οὐχ ...Πῶλος] *Gorgia tribuens* Findeisen.

3 μὰ τόν] μὰ τὸν κύνα Stob.

4 καλεῖς σύ F Stob. : καλεῖς BTPYW.

5 ἢ δὲ BTPF : εἰ δὲ x Stob. Ficinus[*si quidem...*] : εἰ δὲ *coni.* Heindorf¹ : ἢ δὲ *coni.* Ast.

them. What I say, Polus, is that both the orators and the tyrants have the smallest amount of power in the cities, as I was just saying, for they do almost nothing they want, though I do say they do what they judge is best.”

Pol. “And isn’t that having great power?”

Soc. “Not so, as Polus asserts.”

Pol. “I *deny* it? You may be sure I *assert* it!”

Soc. “Oh my, no! Not you of all people, since you just said having great power was a good thing for the man who had it.”

Pol. “So I do say.”

Soc. “So do you think it a good thing whenever someone does what is in his eyes noblest, assuming he has no understanding? Is even that having great power, according to you?”

Pol. “No.”

Soc. “Then will you show the orators to be understanding and (467) show oratory to be an art rather than a pandering, thereby refuting me? If you are going to leave me unrefuted, the orators who enact what they decide in the cities, and the tyrants, will have none of the good you see in that. But power is a good thing, as you assert, whereas doing what one judges to be best without understanding is a bad thing, as you grant along with me. No?”

Pol. “Yes.”

ΣΩ. πῶς ἂν οὖν οἱ ῥήτορες μέγα δύναιντο ἢ οἱ τύραννοι ἐν ταῖς πόλεσιν, ἐὰν μὴ Σωκράτης ἐξελεγχθῇ ὑπὸ Πώλου ὅτι ποιοῦσιν ἃ βούλονται; [b]

ΠΩΛ. οὗτος ἀνὴρ ...

ΣΩ. οὐ φημι ποιεῖν αὐτοὺς ἃ βούλονται· ἀλλὰ μ' ἔλεγε.

ΠΩΛ. οὐκ ἄρτι ὠμολόγεις ποιεῖν ἃ δοκεῖ αὐτοῖς βέλτιστα εἶναι, τούτου πρόσθεν;¹

ΣΩ. καὶ γὰρ νῦν ὁμολογῶ.

ΠΩΛ. οὐκ οὖν ποιοῦσιν ἃ βούλονται;

ΣΩ. οὐ φημι.

ΠΩΛ. ποιοῦντες δὲ² ἃ δοκεῖ αὐτοῖς;

ΣΩ. φημί.

ΠΩΛ. σχέτλια³ λέγεις καὶ ὑπερφυῖ, ὦ Σώκρατες.

ΣΩ. μὴ κατηγορεῖ,⁴ ὦ λῶστε Πῶλε, ἵνα προσείπω σε [c] κατὰ σέ· ἀλλ' εἰ μὲν ἔχεις ἐμὲ ἐρωτᾶν, ἐπίδειξον ὅτι ψεύδομαι, εἰ δὲ μή, αὐτὸς ἀποκρίνου.

ΠΩΛ. ἀλλ' ἐθέλω ἀποκρίνεσθαι, ἵνα καὶ εἰδῶ ὅτι λέγεις.

ΣΩ. πότερον οὖν σοι δοκοῦσιν οἱ ἄνθρωποι τοῦτο βούλεσθαι ὃ ἂν πράττωσιν ἐκάστοτε, ἢ ἐκεῖνο οὗ ἕνεκα πράττουσιν τοῦθ' ὃ πράττουσιν; οἷον οἱ τὰ φάρμακα

1 βέλτιστα εἶναι τούτου πρόσθεν] *secl.* Theiler : τούτου πρόσθεν *secl.* Schleiermacher.

2 ποιοῦντες δὲ BTPW : ποιοῦντες FY Stob.

3 σχέτλια] σχέτλια γε Olymp. Stob.

4 κατηγορεῖ] κακηγόρει *coni.* Naber.

Soc. “How then could the orators ‘have great power,’ or the tyrants, in the cities, as long as Socrates has not been shown to be wrong by Polus in respect to their doing what they want?”

Pol. “What am I to do with this man!”

Soc. “I deny they are achieving what they want. Come on, try and refute me!”

Pol. “Weren’t you just now agreeing that they achieve what they judge to be best, right before you said this?”

Soc. “I do agree, even now.”

Pol. “But not that they achieve what they want?”

Soc. “I say no.”

Pol. “Achieving, however, what seems to them best?”

Soc. “I say yes.”

Pol. “It’s an intractable argument you make, and outlandish.”

Soc. “No accusations, peerless Polus, if I might address you in your own style. Instead, if you are able to ask me questions, bring to light that what I am saying is false. And if you are not able to ask questions, then play answerer.”

Pol. “Nay I *will* play answerer, if I might see what it is you are arguing.”

Soc. “Say then whether you judge that men are always doing what they want, or whether what they want is that for the sake of which they are doing what they do. For instance, people that drink the medicine given them

πίνοντες παρὰ τῶν ἰατρῶν πότερόν σοι δοκοῦσιν τοῦτο
βούλεσθαι ὅπερ ποιοῦσιν, πίνειν τὸ φάρμακον καὶ ἀλγεῖν,
ἢ ἐκεῖνο, τὸ ὑγιαίνειν, οὗ ἕνεκα πίνουσιν;

ΠΩΛ. δῆλον ὅτι τὸ [d] ὑγιαίνειν.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ οἱ πλεοντές τε καὶ τὸν ἄλλον
χρηματισμὸν χρηματιζόμενοι οὐ τοῦτό ἐστιν ὃ βούλονται,
ὃ ποιοῦσιν ἐκάστοτε (τίς γὰρ βούλεται πλεῖν τε καὶ
κινδυνεύειν καὶ πράγματ' ἔχειν;) ἀλλ' ἐκεῖνο οἶμαι οὗ
ἕνεκα πλέουσιν, πλουτεῖν· πλούτου¹ γὰρ ἕνεκα πλέουσιν.

ΠΩΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. ἄλλο τι οὖν οὕτω καὶ περὶ πάντων; ἐάν τις τι
πράττει ἕνεκά του, οὐ τοῦτο βούλεται ὃ πράττει, ἀλλ'
ἐκεῖνο [e] οὗ ἕνεκα πράττει;

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν ἔστιν τι τῶν ὄντων ὃ οὐχὶ ἦτοι ἀγαθὸν
γ' ἐστὶν ἢ κακὸν ἢ μεταξὺ τούτων, οὔτε ἀγαθὸν οὔτε
κακόν;

ΠΩΛ. πολλὴ ἀνάγκη, ὦ Σώκρατες.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν λέγεις εἶναι ἀγαθὸν² μὲν σοφίαν τε καὶ
ὑγίειαν καὶ πλούτον καὶ τᾶλλα τὰ τοιαῦτα, κακὰ δὲ
τάναντία τούτων;

ΠΩΛ. ἔγωγε. ΣΩ. τὰ δὲ μήτε ἀγαθὰ μήτε κακὰ ἄρα
τοιάδε λέγεις, ἃ ἐνίστε μὲν μετέχει τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ, [468]
ἐνίστε δὲ τοῦ κακοῦ, ἐνίστε δὲ οὐδετέρου, οἷον καθῆσθαι
καὶ βαδίζειν

1 πλούτου] τούτου Stobaei ms. Par.1985 Ficinus [*harum enim gratia
navigant*] : πλούτου ... πλέουσιν secl. Cobet.

2 ἀγαθὸν] ἀγαθὰ Stob.

by doctors, do you judge that they want to do the thing
they are doing – drinking the medicine and feeling
horrible thereby – or do they want that other thing, being
healthy, for the sake of which they drink?”

Pol. “Clearly, being healthy.”

Soc. “Also with those who are sailing or are
engaged in some other money-making activity. It isn’t the
thing they are doing that they want (for who wants to put
himself at risk on the high seas and make trouble for
himself?) but the thing for the sake of which they sail: to
be wealthy. For it is for the sake of wealth that they sail.”

Pol. “Quite so.”

Soc. “Isn’t it this way in general? Whenever
somebody does something for the sake of something, it is
not the latter which he is doing that he wants but the
former, for the sake of which he acts.”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “Now is there anything that is neither good
nor bad, nor somewhere in between and neither good nor
bad?”

Pol. “Very necessarily not, Socrates.”

Soc. “Would do you say that good is wisdom and
health and wealth and the other things like these, whereas
bad are the opposites of these?”

Pol. “I would.”

Soc. “And would you say the following sorts of
things are the things that are neither good nor bad: things
that sometimes have some good in them but other times
some bad, and still other times neither, like sitting and
(468) walking and running and sailing, or again stones

καὶ τρέχειν καὶ πλεῖν, καὶ οἶον αὖ λίθους καὶ ξύλα καὶ
τᾶλλα τὰ τοιαῦτα; οὐ ταῦτα λέγεις; ἢ ἄλλ' ἅττα καλεῖς τὰ
μήτε ἀγαθὰ μήτε κακά;

ΠΩΛ. οὐκ, ἀλλὰ ταῦτα.

ΣΩ. πότερον οὖν τὰ μεταξὺ ταῦτα ἔνεκα τῶν
ἀγαθῶν πράττουσιν ὅταν πράττωσιν, ἢ τὰγαθὰ τῶν μεταξὺ;

ΠΩΛ. τὰ [b] μεταξὺ δήπου τῶν ἀγαθῶν.

ΣΩ. τὸ ἀγαθὸν ἄρα διώκοντες καὶ βαδίζομεν ὅταν
βαδίζομεν, οἰόμενοι βέλτιον εἶναι, καὶ τὸ ἐναντίον ἔσταμεν
ὅταν ἐστῶμεν, τοῦ αὐτοῦ ἔνεκα, τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ· ἢ οὐ;

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ ἀποκτείνουμεν, εἴ τιν' ἀποκ-
τείνουμεν,¹ καὶ ἐκβάλλομεν καὶ ἀφαιρούμεθα χρήματα,
οἰόμενοι ἄμεινον εἶναι ἢ μῖν ταῦτα ποιεῖν ἢ μή;

ΠΩΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. ἔνεκ' ἄρα τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ ἅπαντα ταῦτα ποιοῦσιν
οἱ ποιοῦντες.

ΠΩΛ. φημί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν ὡμολογήσαμεν, ἃ ἔνεκά του ποιοῦμεν,
μὴ ἐκεῖνα βούλεσθαι, [c] ἀλλ' ἐκεῖνο οὗ ἔνεκα ταῦτα
ποιοῦμεν;

ΠΩΛ. μάλιστα.

and sticks and the other things of that sort? Do you not
say so? Or is it some other things you would call neither
good nor bad?"

Pol. "No, these things."

Soc. "Which is it, then? Is it these in-between
things that people do for the sake of the good things,
when they do them, or do they do the good things for the
sake of the in-between things?"

Pol. "Presumably it is the in-between things for
the sake of the good ones."

Soc. "Therefore it is in pursuit of the good that
we walk when we walk, thinking it better to do so, or
oppositely when we stand still we stand still pursuant the
same thing, the good. No?"

Pol. "Yes."

Soc. "And we execute if we do execute
somebody, and exile or fine a person, thinking it better
for us to do these things than if we didn't?"

Pol. "Quite so."

Soc. "Therefore it is for the sake of the good that
people who act do all these things they do?"

Pol. "I say yes."

Soc. "And so we have agreed that the things we
do for the sake of something, we do not because we want
those things but because we want that for the sake of
which we do them?"

Pol. "Exactly."

1 εἴ τιν' ἀποκτείνουμεν BTWY : εἴ τιν' ἀποκτίνουμεν ed. Bas.2 : εἴ τινα
ἀποκτίνουμεν PF : εἴ τινα καὶ Par : ὅταν τιν' ἀποκτινύωμεν J : an
ἀποκτινύωμεν? Stallb.

ΣΩ. οὐκ ἄρα σφάττειν βουλόμεθα οὐδ' ἐκβάλλειν ἐκ τῶν πόλεων οὐδὲ χρήματα ἀφαιρεῖσθαι ἀπλῶς οὕτως, ἀλλ' ἐὰν μὲν ὠφέλιμα ἦ ταῦτα, βουλόμεθα πράττειν αὐτά, βλαβερὰ δὲ ὄντα οὐ βουλόμεθα. τὰ γὰρ ἀγαθὰ βουλόμεθα, ὡς φῆς σύ,¹ τὰ δὲ μήτε ἀγαθὰ μήτε κακὰ οὐ βουλόμεθα, οὐδὲ τὰ κακὰ.

... ἦ γάρ; ἀληθῆ σοι δοκῶ λέγειν, ὦ Πῶλε, ἢ οὐ;
... τί οὐκ ἀποκρίνη;

ΠΩΛ. ἀληθῆ. [d]

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν εἴπερ ταῦτα ὁμολογοῦμεν, εἴ τις ἀποκτείνει τινὰ ἢ ἐκβάλλει ἐκ πόλεως ἢ ἀφαιρεῖται χρήματα, εἴτε τύραννος ὢν εἴτε ῥήτωρ, οἴομενος ἄμεινον εἶναι αὐτῷ,² τυγχάνει δὲ ὃν κάκιον, οὗτος δὴπου ποιεῖ ἃ δοκεῖ αὐτῷ· ... ἦ γάρ;

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν καὶ ἃ βούλεται, εἴπερ τυγχάνει ταῦτα κακὰ ὄντα; ... τί οὐκ ἀποκρίνη;

ΠΩΛ. ἀλλ' οὐ μοι δοκεῖ ποιεῖν ἃ βούλεται.

ΣΩ. ἔστιν οὖν ὅπως ὁ τοιοῦτος [e] μέγα δύναται ἐν τῇ πόλει ταύτῃ, εἴπερ ἐστὶ τὸ μέγα δύνασθαι ἀγαθόν τι κατὰ τὴν σὴν ὁμολογίαν;

ΠΩΛ. οὐκ ἔστιν.

¹ ὡς φῆς σύ] ὡς σὺ φῆς (ΦΞ1).

² αὐτῷ N : αὐτῷ mss.

Soc, “Therefore we don’t just want to cut a man’s throat nor exile him from the cities nor fine him, according to your image. Rather, whenever doing these things leads to some benefit we want to do them, given what they are, and whenever they are harmful we do not. For it is good things that we want to do, as you yourself affirm, whereas things that are neither good nor bad we do not want, let alone the bad things.

“Is that how it is? Do I seem to you to be speaking the truth, Polus, or not?

“Why aren’t you answering?”

Pol. “True.”

Soc. “So if we do agree to these things, then, if a person executes somebody or exiles him from a city or fines him whether in his capacity as a tyrant or his capacity as an orator, thinking it is better for himself, but if in fact it makes things worse, we may say such a man is doing what he decides.

“... Isn’t he?”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “Is he also doing what he wants, if as we said the thing is in fact a bad thing?

“Why don’t you answer?”

Pol. “Alright, then, he does not seem to me to be doing what he wants.”

Soc. “And so is there any way the man in this situation is wielding great power in that city of yours, if wielding power is a good thing, as you agreed?”

Pol. “There is not.”

ΣΩ. ἀληθῆ ἄρα ἐγὼ ἔλεγον, λέγων ὅτι ἔστιν ἄνθρωπον ποιοῦντα ἐν πόλει ἃ δοκεῖ αὐτῷ μὴ μέγα δύνασθαι μηδὲ ποιεῖν ἃ βούλεται.

ΠΩΛ. ὥς δὴ σύ, ὦ Σώκρατες, οὐκ ἂν δέξαιο ἐξεῖναι σοι ποιεῖν ὅτι δοκεῖ σοι ἐν τῇ πόλει μᾶλλον ἢ μή, οὐδὲ ζηλοῖς ὅταν ἴδῃς τινὰ ἢ ἀποκτείναντα ὃν ἔδοξεν αὐτῷ ἢ ἀφελόμενον χρήματα ἢ δήσαντα.

ΣΩ. δικαίως λέγεις ἢ ἀδίκως;

[469] ΠΩΛ. ὁπότερ' ἂν ποιῇ, οὐκ ἀμφοτέρως ζηλωτός¹ ἔστιν;

ΣΩ. εὐφήμει, ὦ Πῶλε.

ΠΩΛ. τί δὴ;

ΣΩ. ὅτι οὐ χρὴ οὔτε τοὺς ἀζηλώτους ζηλοῦν οὔτε τοὺς ἀθλίους, ἀλλ' ἐλεεῖν.

ΠΩΛ. τί δαί;² οὕτω σοι δοκεῖ ἔχειν περὶ ὧν ἐγὼ λέγω τῶν ἀνθρώπων;³

ΣΩ. πῶς γὰρ οὔ;

ΠΩΛ. ὅστις οὖν ἀποκτείνουσιν ὃν ἂν δόξῃ αὐτῷ, δικαίως ἀποκτείνουσιν, ἄθλιος δοκεῖ σοι εἶναι καὶ ἐλεεινός;

ΣΩ. οὐκ ἔμοιγε, οὐδὲ μέντοι ζηλωτός.

ΠΩΛ. οὐκ ἄρτι ἄθλιον ἔφησθα εἶναι; [b]

Soc. “Therefore what I was saying was true when I said that it is possible that a man who achieves what he decides in a city is not wielding great power, and is not doing what he wants.”

Pol. “But *you* of course would *refuse* the prerogative to do whatever one ‘decides’ in the city, rather than not – and you never feel envy when you see somebody executing or fining or binding in chains whatever popped into his mind to ‘decide’.”

Soc. “Do you mean justly or unjustly?”

Pol. (469) “Whichever way he does it, isn’t it enviable both ways?”

Soc. “Don’t talk that way!”

Pol. “What way?”

Soc. “One ought not envy the unenviable any more than men who are wretched, but rather pity them.”

Pol. “What now? Do you think the men I am talking about are in that state?”

Soc. “Why wouldn’t they be?”

Pol. “So in the case where a man executes whomever he decides to, but is executing him justly, do you still judge the man to be a pitiful wretch?”

Soc. “I do not, but neither do I judge him enviable.”

Pol. “You didn’t just now declare him to be a wretch?”

1 ζηλωτός ZbAugO1 Olymp.[π] coneicerat Ast : ζηλωτόν BTPYF Stob.

2 τί δαί B² Stobaei mss. SM : τί δέ BTF Stobaei ms. A : τί δὴ scr. Mistriotes.

3 τῶν ἀνθρώπων BTP : ἀνθρώπων F.

ΣΩ. τὸν ἀδίκως γε, ὃ ἑταῖρε, ἀποκτείναντα, καὶ ἐλαινόν γε¹ πρὸς τὸν δὲ δικαίως ἀζήλωτον.

ΠΩΛ. ἥ που ὁ γε ἀποθνήσκων ἀδίκως ἐλαινός τε καὶ ἄθλιός ἐστιν.

ΣΩ. ἦττον ἢ ὁ ἀποκτεινύς, ὃ Πῶλε, καὶ ἦττον ἢ ὁ δικαίως ἀποθνήσκων.

ΠΩΛ. πῶς δῆτα, ὃ Σώκρατες;

ΣΩ. οὕτως, ὥς μέγιστον τῶν κακῶν τυγχάνει ὃν τὸ ἀδικεῖν.

ΠΩΛ. ἥ γὰρ τοῦτο μέγιστον; οὐ τὸ ἀδικεῖσθαι μείζον;

ΣΩ. ἥκιστα γε.

ΠΩΛ. σὺ ἄρα βούλοιο ἂν ἀδικεῖσθαι μᾶλλον ἢ ἀδικεῖν;

[c] ΣΩ. βουλοίμην μὲν ἂν ἔγωγε οὐδέτερα· εἰ δ' ἀναγκαῖον εἴη ἀδικεῖν ἢ ἀδικεῖσθαι,² ἐλοίμην ἂν μᾶλλον ἀδικεῖσθαι ἢ ἀδικεῖν.³

ΠΩΛ. σὺ ἄρα τυραννεῖν οὐκ ἂν δέξαιο;

ΣΩ. οὐκ, εἰ τὸ τυραννεῖν γε λέγεις ὅπερ ἐγώ.

ΠΩΛ. ἀλλ' ἔγωγε τοῦτο λέγω ὅπερ ἄρτι, ἐξεῖναι ἐν τῇ πόλει, ὃ ἂν δοκῇ αὐτῷ,⁴ ποιεῖν τοῦτο, καὶ ἀποκτεινύντι

Soc. “The one who killed unjustly, yes, my fellow, and pitiable to boot; but the one who did it justly I declare to be unenviable.”

Pol. “Ah so: it's the one that did the unjust *dying* that is pitiable and wretched?”

Soc. “Less so than the one who killed unjustly, and less than the one who dies justly.”

Pol. “How can *that* be, Socrates?”

Soc. “Here's how: the fact is that the greatest of all evils is acting unjustly.”

Pol. “So *this* is the greatest? Being done injustice isn't greater?”

Soc. “Hardly.”

Pol. “You, then, would want to be dealt injustice rather than to deal it out?”

Soc. “As to what I would want, I would want neither; but if it were necessary either to deal it out or be dealt it, I would choose to be dealt it rather than deal it out.”

Pol. “You, then, would not welcome exercising a tyrant's power?”

Soc. “No, not if you describe exercising it the way I do.”

Pol. “Well *I* describe it as I did just now: having the prerogative in the city to do whatever seems best to

1 γε WF Stob. : δὲ BTP.

2 ἀδικεῖν ἢ ἀδικεῖσθαι] ἢ ἀδικεῖν ἢ ἀδικεῖσθαι *coni.* Hirschig.

3 ἢ ἀδικεῖν] *secl.* Cobet.

4 αὐτῷ] αὐτῷ *coni.* Sauppe.

καὶ ἐκβάλλοντι καὶ πάντα πράττοντι κατὰ τὴν αὐτοῦ¹
δόξαν.

ΣΩ. ὦ μακάριε, ἐμοῦ δὴ λέγοντος τῷ λόγῳ
ἐπιλαβοῦ.² [d] εἰ γὰρ ἐγὼ ἐν ἀγορᾷ πληθούσῃ λαβὼν ὑπὸ
μάλης ἐγχειρίδιον λέγοιμι πρὸς σὲ ὅτι “ὦ Πῶλε, ἐμοὶ
δύναμεις τις καὶ τυραννὶς θαυμασία ἄρτι προσγένονεν· ἐάν
γε ἄρα ἐμοὶ δόξη τινὰ τουτωνὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ὧν σὺ ὀρᾷς
αὐτίκα μάλα δεῖν τεθνάναι, τεθνήξει³ οὗτος ὃν ἂν δόξη·
κἂν τινὰ δόξη μοι τῆς κεφαλῆς αὐτῶν καταγῆναι δεῖν,
κατεαγὼς ἔσται αὐτίκα μάλα, κἂν θοιμάτιον διεσχίσθαι,
διεσχισμένον ἔσται—οὕτω [e] μέγα ἐγὼ δύναμαι ἐν τῇδε
τῇ πόλει,” εἰ οὖν ἀπιστοῦντί σοι δείξαιμι τὸ ἐγχειρίδιον,
ἴσως ἂν εἴποις ἰδὼν ὅτι “ὦ Σώκρατες, οὕτω μὲν πάντες ἂν
μέγα δύναιτο, ἐπεὶ κἂν ἐμπρησθεῖη οἰκία τούτῳ τῷ
τρόπῳ ἦντιν’ ἂν σοι δοκῇ,⁴ καὶ τὰ γε Ἀθηναίων νεώρια καὶ
τριήρεις⁵ καὶ τὰ πλοῖα πάντα καὶ τὰ δημόσια καὶ τὰ ἴδια.”
ἀλλ’ οὐκ ἄρα τοῦτ’ ἔστιν τὸ μέγα δύνασθαι, τὸ ποιεῖν ἃ
δοκεῖ αὐτῷ·⁶ ἢ δοκεῖ σοι;

ΠΩΛ. οὐ δῆτα οὕτω γε.

[470] ΣΩ. ἔχεις οὖν εἰπεῖν δι’ ὅτι μέμφῃ τὴν τοιαύτην
δύναμιν;

ΠΩΛ. ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. τί δὴ; ... λέγε.

one, whether killing or fining or doing whatever,
according to his decision.”

Soc. “My redoubtable fellow, give me a chance
to describe it my way and then confront me with your
description! Imagine in the open marketplace I were
carrying a concealed dagger and came up to you and said
‘Polus, I have just come into a certain power of an
amazingly tyrannical sort: All I have to do is decide by
my own lights that one of these men you see around you
here must die right now, on the spot: dead will he be,
whichever I decide. And if I decide some one of them is
to have his head bashed in, he’ll have it bashed in, right
now on the spot; or have his cloak cut off him, then cut
off his cloak will be so great is my power in this city of
mine.’ And thereupon, when you didn’t believe me and I
showed you my dagger, once you saw it you might say,
‘Socrates, by that argument everybody would have great
power since a house could be set on fire if you decided to
and for that matter the harbors of Athens and her triremes
and all the boats, public and private.’ So this isn’t what
having great power consists in – ‘doing what one judges
– or would you judge it is?’”

Pol. “Not at all, not *that* way.”

Soc. (470) “So can you say what it is you find
fault with in that kind of power?”

Pol. “I can.”

Soc. “So just what is it? ... Tell me!”

1 αὐτοῦ T : ἐαυτοῦ F : αὐτοῦ BW.

2 τῷ λόγῳ] τοῦ λόγου V² Olymp.[π] : τῶν λόγων *coni.* Cornarius : τὸν
λόγον Ast (1819) : τῷ λόγῳ *secl.* Hirschig.

3 τεθνήξει BTP : τεθνήξεται FP².

4 ἦντιν’ ἂν σοι δοκῇ PWY : ἦντινα σοι δοκοῖ F : ἦντιν’ ἂν σοι δοκοῖ BTP².

5 τριήρεις] αἱ τριήρεις *coni.* Ast 1819.

6 αὐτῷ] αὐτῷ *coni.* Sauppe.

ΠΩΛ. ὅτι ἀναγκαῖον τὸν οὕτω πράττοντα
ζημιουῖσθαι ἐστίν.

ΣΩ. τὸ δὲ ζημιουῖσθαι οὐ κακόν;

ΠΩΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν, ὃ θαυμάσιε, τὸ μέγα δύνασθαι¹ πάλιν
αὐ σοι φαίνεται, ἐὰν μὲν πράττοντι ἃ δοκεῖ ἔπεται τὸ
ὠφελίμως πράττειν, ἀγαθόν τε εἶναι, καὶ τοῦτο, ὡς ἔοικεν,
ἐστίν τὸ μέγα δύνασθαι· εἰ δὲ μή, κακὸν καὶ σμικρὸν
δύνασθαι.² [b] σκεψώμεθα δὲ³ καὶ τόδε· ἄλλο τι⁴
ὁμολογοῦμεν ἐνίστε μὲν ἄμεινον εἶναι ταῦτα ποιεῖν ἢ
νυνδὴ ἐλέγομεν, ἀποκτείνουσι τε καὶ ἐξελαύνειν
ἀνθρώπους καὶ ἀφαιρεῖσθαι χρήματα, ἐνίστε δὲ οὐ;

ΠΩΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. τοῦτο μὲν δὴ, ὡς ἔοικε, καὶ παρὰ σοῦ καὶ παρ’
ἐμοῦ ὁμολογεῖται.

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. πότε οὖν⁵ φῆς σὺ⁶ ἄμεινον εἶναι ταῦτα⁷ ποιεῖν;
εἰπὲ τίνα ὅρον ὀρίζῃ.

ΠΩΛ. σὺ μὲν οὖν, ὃ Σώκρατες, ἀπόκριναι ταὐτὸ⁸
τοῦτο.

1 τὸ μέγα δύνασθαι] *secl.* Thompson.

2 δύνασθαι *alter*] *secl.* Thompson.

3 δὲ BTP Olymp. : δὴ F.

4 ἄλλο τι TPWF : ἄλλ’ ὅτι B : ἄλλο τι ἢ ZN.

5 πότε οὖν F : πότερον BTPF² Ficinus [*utrum igitur et quo pacto*].

6 φῆς σὺ F : σὺ φῆς BTPf.

7 ταῦτα BTP : ταὐτὸ τοῦτο F.

8 ταὐτὸ] : αὐτὸ *coni. olim* Ast : *secl.* Schanz : αὐτὸς *coni.* Heindorf :
σεαυτῷ *coni.* Coraes.

Pol. “The person who does things that way
would necessarily be punished.”

Soc. “But isn’t being punished bad?”

Pol. “Quite bad.”

Soc. “And so my admirable fellow, back to the
topic of having great power, it again seems to you that if
he who is doing what he decides to do benefits from it
then it is a good thing, and moreover that this, as you see
it, is what it means to have great power; whereas if he
does not benefit, doing what he wants is a bad thing and
constitutes having little power. But let’s also investigate
my point, too: We are agreeing, aren’t we, that sometimes
it is a better thing to do what we were now talking
about, ‘to execute and exile men and disenfranchise
them,’ but sometimes not?”

Pol. “Quite.”

Soc. “On this much at least we agree, both you
and me.”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “So *when* would you say is it better to do
these things? Tell me how you draw the line.”

Pol. “Since this is your question, let’s let *you*
answer it.”

[c] → ΣΩ. ἐγὼ μὲν τοίνυν¹·φημί, ὦ Πῶλε, εἴ·σοι·παρ'·ἐμοῦ
ἥδιόν·ἐστιν·ἀκούειν, ὅταν μὲν·δικαίως·τις·ταῦτα·ποιῇ,
ἄμεινον·εἶναι, ὅταν δὲ·ἀδίκως, κάκιον.¶

→ ΠΩΛ. χαλεπόν·γέ·σε·ἐλέγξαι, ὦ Σώκρατες·ἀλλ'
οὐχὶ·κᾶν·παῖς·σε·ἐλέγξειεν·ὅτι·οὐκ·ἀληθῆ·λέγεις;¶

→ ΣΩ. πολλὴν·ἄρα·ἐγὼ·τῷ·παιδί·χάριν·ἔξω, ἴσην δὲ·καὶ
σοί, ἐάν·με·ἐξελέγξης²·καὶ·ἀπαλλάξης·φλυαρίας·ἀλλὰ·μὴ
κάμης·φίλον·ἄνδρα·εὐεργετῶν, ἀλλ'·ἔλεγγε.¶

→ ΠΩΛ. ἀλλὰ·μήν, ὦ Σώκρατες, οὐδέν·γέ·σε·δεῖ
παλαιοῖς·[d]·πράγμασιν·ἐλέγχειν·τὰ·γὰρ·ἐχθὲς·καὶ·πρώην
γεγονότα·ταῦτα·ἱκανά·σε·ἐξελέγξαι·ἐστὶν·καὶ·ἀποδεῖξαι·ὥς
πολλοὶ·ἀδικοῦντες·ἄνθρωποι·εὐδαιμόνες·εἰσιν.¶

→ ΣΩ. τὰ·ποῖα·ταῦτα;¶

→ ΠΩΛ. Ἀρχέλαον·δήπου·τοῦτον·τὸν·Περδίκκου·ὀρᾷς
ἄρχοντα·Μακεδονίας;¶

→ ΣΩ. εἰ·δὲ·μή, ἀλλ'·ἀκούω·γε.¶

→ ΠΩΛ. εὐδαιμόνων·οὖν·σοι·δοκεῖ·εἶναι·ἢ·ἄθλιος;¶

→ ΣΩ. οὐκ·οἶδα, ὦ Πῶλε·οὐ·γάρ·πω·συγγέγονα·τῷ
ἀνδρί·[e]¶

→ ΠΩΛ. τί·δέ;³·συγγενόμενος·ἂν·γνοίης, ἄλλως·δὲ
αὐτόθεν·οὐ·γινώσκεις·ὅτι·εὐδαιμονεῖ;¶

→ ΣΩ. μὰ·Δί'·οὐ·δῆτα.¶

→ ΠΩΛ. δῆλον·δή, ὦ Σώκρατες, ὅτι·οὐδὲ·τὸν·μέγαν
βασιλέα·γινώσκειν·φήσεις·εὐδαιμόνα·ὄντα.¶

1 μὲν τοίνυν·TPFY·:·μέντοι·νῦν·B.¶

2 ἐξελέγξης·F·Steph·:·ἐλέγξης·BTPW.¶

3 τί·δέ·BPWF·:·τί·δαί·T·Stob.¶

Soc. “For myself, then, Polus, if it pleases you more that I should play answerer, I say that when it is justly that one is doing these things it is better, but whenever unjustly then it is worse.”

Pol. “You may be hard to beat in conversation, Socrates – but no, even a child could quash what are now saying as untrue.”

Soc. “Great, then, would be my gratitude to the child – and equally so to you, if you refute me and relieve me of talking nonsense. So please don’t let off but help a fellow who’s your friend. Bring on your refutation.”

Pol. “Fine, Socrates, but there’s no need to look to yesteryear for grounds to defeat your position: the latest news you have is quite enough to pull it off, and to show that many men who practice injustice are happy.”

Soc. “And what is this ‘latest’?”

Pol. “Archelaus, the son of Perdiccus whom you see ruling Macedon.”

Soc. “Even if I haven’t seen him I have heard about him, at least.”

Pol. “Well, do you judge him happy or destitute?”

Soc. “I don’t know, Polus: I’ve never spent any time with the fellow.”

Pol. “What’s that? If you spent time with him you could tell but you can’t already tell he is happy?”

ΣΩ. καὶ ἀληθῆ γε ἐρῶ· οὐ γὰρ οἶδα παιδείας ὅπως ἔχει καὶ δικαιοσύνης.

ΠΩΛ. τί δαί;¹ ἐν τούτῳ ἢ πᾶσα εὐδαιμονία ἐστίν;

ΣΩ. ὥς γε ἐγὼ λέγω, ὦ Πῶλε· τὸν μὲν γὰρ καλὸν καὶ ἀγαθόν² ἄνδρα καὶ γυναῖκα εὐδαίμονα εἶναι φημι, τὸν δὲ ἄδικον καὶ πονηρὸν ἄθλιον.

[471] ΠΩΛ. ἄθλιος ἄρα οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ Ἀρχέλαος κατὰ τὸν σὸν λόγον;

ΣΩ. εἴπερ γε, ὦ φίλε, ἄδικος.

ΠΩΛ. ἀλλὰ μὲν δὴ³ πῶς οὐκ ἄδικος; ὃ γε προσῆκε μὲν τῆς ἀρχῆς οὐδὲν ἦν νῦν ἔχει, ὄντι ἐκ γυναικὸς ἢ ἦν δούλῃ Ἀλκέτου τοῦ Περδίκκου ἀδελφοῦ, καὶ κατὰ μὲν τὸ δίκαιον δοῦλος ἦν Ἀλκέτου, καὶ εἰ ἐβούλετο τὰ δίκαια ποιεῖν, ἐδούλευεν ἂν Ἀλκέτῃ καὶ ἦν⁴ εὐδαίμων κατὰ⁵ τὸν σὸν λόγον. νῦν δὲ θαυμασίως ὥς ἄθλιος γέγονεν, ἐπεὶ⁶ τὰ μέγιστα ἠδίκηκεν· [b] ὅς γε πρῶτον μὲν τοῦτον αὐτὸν τὸν δεσπότην καὶ θεῖον μεταπεμψάμενος ὥς ἀποδώσων τὴν ἀρχὴν ἦν Περδίκκας αὐτὸν ἀφείλετο, ξενίσας καὶ καταμεθύσας αὐτόν τε καὶ τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ Ἀλέξανδρον, ἀνεψιὸν αὐτοῦ, σχεδὸν ἡλικιώτην, ἐμβαλὼν εἰς ἅμαξαν, νύκτωρ ἐξαγαγὼν ἀπέσφαξέν τε καὶ ἠφάνισεν ἀμφοτέρους. καὶ ταῦτα ἀδίκησας ἔλαθεν ἑαυτὸν ἀθλιώτατος γενόμενος καὶ οὐ μετεμέλησεν αὐτῷ, ἀλλ' ὀλίγον [c] ὕστερον τὸν ἀδελφόν, τὸν γνήσιον τοῦ Περδίκκου υἱόν, παῖδα ὥς

Soc. “Zeus be my witness, not at all!”

Pol. “Clearly then, Socrates, you will say you do not even know that the Great King is happy!”

Soc. “And in so saying I will be speaking the truth. I don’t know about his upbringing or his justness.”

Pol. “What? On this alone all happiness is based?”

Soc. “So do I argue, at least, Polus: it is the fine and good man and woman that I say is happy, and the unjust and base unhappy.”

Pol. (471) “Unhappy then is our Archelaus.”

Soc. “Yes, provided he is unjust.”

Pol. “But really – how could he *not* be unjust, he who in the first place has no proper claim to the realm he now holds, born as he is from a slave of Alketes, the brother of Perdiccus, so that as for justice he is a slave of Alketes, and if he wanted to do what justice commands he would be serving as a slave to Alketes and as such would be a happy man according to your argument. Instead he has become astoundingly *unhappy*, since he has by now committed the greatest of unjust acts, he who started out by summoning that very master of his for the purpose of restoring to him the rule that Perdiccas had stripped him of. He received him into his house as a guest, him and his son Alexander, who was his cousin and about the same age, and got them drunk and loaded them into a cart and drove them out under cover of darkness, slit their throats and dispatched their bodies. Even though he committed these greatest injustices it was lost on him that he had become most miserable and he had no regrets. Soon after it was his brother, the

1 τί δαί J : τί δέ mss.

2 καλὸν καὶ ἀγαθόν] καλὸν καὶ ἀγαθόν *scr.* Schanz.

3 ἀλλὰ μὲν δὴ BTPF : ἀλλὰ μὴν δὴ ZN Olymp.

4 ἦν BTP : ἦν ἂν F.

5 κατὰ] κατὰ γε Par.

6 ἐπεὶ BTP : ἐπειδὴ F.

ἐπέτη, οὗ ἡ ἀρχὴ ἐγίγνετο κατὰ τὸ δίκαιον, οὐκ ἐβουλήθη εὐδαίμων γενέσθαι δικαίως ἐκθρέψας καὶ ἀποδοὺς τὴν ἀρχὴν ἐκείνῳ, ἀλλ' εἰς φρέαρ ἐμβαλὼν καὶ ἀποπνίξας πρὸς τὴν μητέρα αὐτοῦ Κλεοπάτραν χῆνα ἔφη διώκοντα ἐμπεσεῖν καὶ ἀποθανεῖν. τοιγάρτοι νῦν, ἅτε μέγιστα ἡδίκηκὸς τῶν ἐν Μακεδονίᾳ, ἀθλιώτατός ἐστιν πάντων Μακεδόνων, ἀλλ' οὐκ εὐδαιμονέστατος, καὶ ἴσως ἔστιν ὅστις Ἀθηναίων ἀπὸ σοῦ [d] ἀρξάμενος δέξαιτ' ἂν ἄλλος ὅστισοῦν Μακεδόνων γενέσθαι μᾶλλον ἢ Ἀρχέλαος.

ΣΩ. καὶ κατ' ἀρχὰς τῶν λόγων, ὦ Πῶλε, ἔγωγέ σε ἐπήνεσα¹ ὅτι μοι δοκεῖς εὖ πρὸς τὴν ῥητορικὴν πεπαιδεῦσθαι, τοῦ δὲ διαλέγεσθαι ἡμεληκέναι· καὶ νῦν ἄλλο τι οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ λόγος, ὃ με καὶ ἂν παῖς ἐξελέγξειε, καὶ ἐγὼ ὑπὸ σοῦ νῦν, ὥς σὺ οἶει, ἐξελέγμαι τούτῳ τῷ λόγῳ, φάσκων τὸν ἀδικοῦντα οὐκ εὐδαίμονα εἶναι; πόθεν, ὦγαθέ; καὶ μὴν οὐδὲν γέ σοι τούτων ὁμολογῶ ὧν σὺ φῆς. [e]

ΠΩΛ. οὐ γὰρ ἐθέλεις, ἐπεὶ δοκεῖ γέ σοι ὥς ἐγὼ λέγω.

ΣΩ. ὦ μακάριε, ῥητορικῶς γάρ με ἐπιχειρεῖς ἐλέγχειν, ὥσπερ οἱ ἐν τοῖς δικαστηρίοις ἡγούμενοι ἐλέγχειν. καὶ γὰρ ἐκεῖ οἱ ἕτεροι τοὺς ἐτέρους δοκοῦσιν ἐλέγχειν, ἐπειδὴ τῶν λόγων ὧν ἂν λέγωσι μάρτυρας πολλοὺς παρέχονται καὶ εὐδοκίμους, ὁ δὲ τὰναντία λέγων ἓνα τινὰ παρέχεται ἢ μηδένα. οὗτος δὲ ὁ ἔλεγχος οὐδενὸς ἄξιός ἐστιν πρὸς τὴν [472] ἀλήθειαν· ἐνίοτε γὰρ ἂν καὶ καταψευδομαρτυρηθεῖ τις ὑπὸ πολλῶν καὶ δοκούντων

legitimate son of Perdiccas, a child of about seven to whom the rule was passing on by right: Archelaus did not want to become happy by raising him justly and passing on the rule to him, but threw him into a well to drown him instead and ran off to his mother, Cleopatra, to report to her breathlessly that the boy had been hunting a swan and fell into the well and died. And just so, at present, seeing that he has committed the greatest injustice in all Macedon, he is the most unhappy of all the Macedonians – not the happiest after all – so that Yes, we'll find some Athenian, starting with you for instance, who would sooner be any Macedonian *other* than Archelaus.”

Soc. “Just so, early on in all our talk, Polus, I said in praise of you that it seems to me you are well brought up in oratory, but that you have ignored dialogue. So too, now: Is this really the speech by which even a child could ‘defeat’ me? Do I now stand utterly *defeated* by this speech in your eyes, for claiming as I do that the man who behaves unjustly is not happy? On what basis, my good man? In very fact, I do not agree with *anything* you have said!”

Pol. “You aren’t willing to – since you believe what I am saying.”

Soc. “My redoubtable fellow! Now I get it: you are trying to refute me oratorically, the way they take it to be refuting in the law courts. In those venues, the one party is judged to be refuting the other if he brings in lots of reputable witnesses to testify for the positions he is advocating, whereas his opponent has brought in only one somebody-or-other, or even none. But your kind of refutation is worthless (472) as to the truth. In fact, a person is sometimes even brought down by large

1 ἐπήνεσα] *dub.* Cobet Schanz.

εἶναί τι. καὶ νῦν περὶ ὧν σὺ λέγεις ὀλίγου σοι πάντες
 συμφήσουσιν ταῦτα¹ Ἀθηναῖοι καὶ οἱ ξένοι, ἐὰν βούλῃ κατ’
 ἐμοῦ μάρτυρας παρασχέσθαι ὥς οὐκ ἀληθῆ λέγω·
 μαρτυρήσουσί σοι, ἐὰν μὲν βούλῃ, Νικίας ὁ Νικηράτου καὶ
 οἱ ἀδελφοὶ μετ’ αὐτοῦ, ὧν οἱ τρίποδες οἱ ἐφεξῆς ἐστῶτες
 εἰσιν ἐν τῷ Διονυσίῳ, ἐὰν δὲ βούλῃ, Ἀριστοκράτης [b] ὁ
 Σκελλίου, οὗ αὖ ἐστὶν ἐν Πυθίου² τοῦτο τὸ καλὸν
 ἀνάθημα, ἐὰν δὲ βούλῃ, ἡ Περικλέους ὅλη οἰκία ἢ ἄλλη
 συγγένεια ἦντινα ἂν βούλῃ τῶν ἐνθάδε³ ἐκλέξασθαι. ἀλλ’
 ἐγὼ σοι εἷς ὧν οὐχ ὁμολογῶ· οὐ γάρ με σὺ ἀναγκάζεις,
 ἀλλὰ ψευδομάρτυρας πολλοὺς κατ’ ἐμοῦ παρασχόμενος
 ἐπιχειρεῖς ἐκβάλλειν με ἐκ τῆς οὐσίας καὶ τοῦ ἀληθοῦς.
 ἐγὼ δὲ ἂν μὴ σὲ αὐτὸν ἓνα ὄντα μάρτυρα παράσχωμαι
 ὁμολογοῦντα περὶ ὧν λέγω, οὐδὲν οἶμαι ἄξιον λόγου μοι
 πεπεράνθαι περὶ ὧν ἂν [c] ἡμῖν ὁ λόγος ἦ· οἶμαι δὲ οὐδὲ
 σοί, ἐὰν μὴ ἐγὼ σοι μαρτυρῶ εἷς ὧν μόνος, τοὺς δ’ ἄλλους
 πάντας τούτους χαίρειν ἑᾶς. ἔστιν μὲν οὖν οὗτός τις⁴
 τρόπος ἐλέγχου, ὥς σύ τε οἶει καὶ ἄλλοι πολλοί· ἔστιν δὲ
 καὶ ἄλλος, ὃν ἐγὼ αὖ οἶμαι. παραβαλόντες οὖν παρ’
 ἀλλήλους σκεψώμεθα εἴ τι διοίσουσιν ἀλλήλων. καὶ γὰρ
 καὶ τυγχάνει⁵ περὶ ὧν ἀμφισβητοῦμεν οὐ πάνυ σμικρὰ
 ὄντα, ἀλλὰ σχεδὸν τι ταῦτα περὶ ὧν εἰδέναι τε κάλλιστον
 μὴ εἰδέναι τε αἰσχιστον· τὸ γὰρ κεφάλαιον αὐτῶν ἐστὶν ἢ
 γινώσκειν ἢ ἀγνοεῖν ὅστις τε εὐδαίμων ἐστὶν καὶ [d] ὅστις
 μὴ. αὐτίκα πρῶτον,⁶ περὶ οὗ νῦν ὁ λόγος ἐστίν, σὺ ἡγῇ οἷόν
 τε εἶναι μακάριον ἄνδρα ἀδικοῦντά τε καὶ ἄδικον ὄντα,

numbers of influential persons who give *false* witness.
 Just so in the present case, almost everybody will
 corroborate what you are saying, Athenians as well as
 foreigners, if it is witnesses you want to adduce who will
 testify against me that what I am saying is not true. As
 witnesses you might call Nicias the son of Niceratos, if
 you wish, and his brothers to back him up, for whom
 those tripods have been set up in a neat line in the
 Dionysian Theatre, or if you wish Aristocrates the son of
 Skellios in whose honor that fine monument stands in the
 Pythian Stadium – or if you want the entire family of
 Pericles, or some other clan you might single out from
 these parts. But I, a single person, disagree with you, and
 you are not compelling me. Instead you try to adduce
 many false witnesses against me so as to exile me from
 the realm of what really counts and what is true. But as
 for me, if I fail to summon you yourself as my witness, a
 single man to corroborate what I am saying, by my lights
 I have achieved nothing worth mentioning, whatever
 comes up in our conversation. And my sense is that you
 haven’t either, unless I myself as a single man serve as
 your witness and all those others of yours you leave
 aside. That is a refutation in a way, according to you and
 many others; but there is another kind according to me.
 Let’s set them side by side and see how they differ. For in
 very fact the question we find ourselves on opposite sides
 of is no small matter but I daresay the one question about
 which to be knowledgeable is the finest thing and
 ignorance the most shameful. For ultimately it is a matter
 of succeeding or failing to recognize who is happy and
 who is not. Just so, as to the present question, the first
 point is that you really hold that it is possible that a man
 can be blessedly happy who commits injustice and is an

1 ταῦτά P *coniecera*t Heusde : ταῦτα mss.

2 Πυθίου F : Πυθοῖ BTWYf.

3 ἐνθάδε BTF : ἄλλων P : ἐνθένδε E3.

4 τις BTP : τίς ὁ F : εἷς *coni.* Cobet.

5 καὶ γὰρ καὶ F : καὶ γάρ BTP.

6 πρῶτον] *secl.* Hirschig Christ.

εἴπερ Ἀρχέλαον ἄδικον μὲν ἡγῆ εἶναι, εὐδαίμονα δέ. ἄλλο τι¹ ὥς οὕτω σου νομίζοντος διανοώμεθα;

ΠΩΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. ἐγὼ δέ φημι ἀδύνατον. ἐν μὲν τουτὶ ἀμφισβητοῦμεν. εἶεν· ἀδικῶν δὲ δὴ εὐδαίμων ἔσται ἄρ'² ἂν τυγχάνη δίκης τε καὶ τιμωρίας;

ΠΩΛ. ἥκιστα γε, ἐπεὶ οὕτω γ' ἂν ἀθλιώτατος εἴη. [e]

ΣΩ. ἀλλ' ἐὰν ἄρα μὴ τυγχάνη δίκης ὁ ἀδικῶν, κατὰ τὸν σὸν λόγον εὐδαίμων ἔσται;

ΠΩΛ. φημί.

ΣΩ. κατὰ δέ γε³ τὴν ἐμὴν δόξαν, ὃ Πῶλε, ὁ ἀδικῶν τε καὶ ὁ ἄδικος πάντως⁴ μὲν ἄθλιος, ἀθλιώτερος μέντοι⁵ ἐὰν μὴ διδῷ δίκην μηδὲ τυγχάνη τιμωρίας ἀδικῶν, ἥττον δὲ ἄθλιος ἐὰν διδῷ δίκην καὶ τυγχάνη δίκης ὑπὸ θεῶν τε καὶ ἀνθρώπων.

[473] ΠΩΛ. ἄτοπά γε, ὃ Σώκρατες, ἐπιχειρεῖς λέγειν.

ΣΩ. πειράσομαι δέ γε καὶ σὲ ποιῆσαι, ὃ ἐταῖρε, ταῦτά ἐμοὶ λέγειν· φίλον γάρ σε ἡγοῦμαι. νῦν μὲν οὖν ἂ διαφερόμεθα ταῦτ' ἐστίν· σκόπει δὲ καὶ σύ. εἶπον ἐγὼ που ἐν τοῖς ἔμπροσθεν τὸ ἀδικεῖν τοῦ ἀδικεῖσθαι κάκιον εἶναι.

ΠΩΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. σὺ δὲ τὸ ἀδικεῖσθαι.

unjust man, if in fact you hold that Archelaus is unjust but nevertheless happy. Let this be our interpretation of what you believe, unless you say otherwise."

Pol. "Quite."

Soc. "And what I say is that it's impossible. That is the first thing about which we differ. Next, if one acts unjustly will he be happy if he encounters the penalty and recompense?"

Pol. "Hardly, given that at under those circumstances he would be most destitute."

Soc. "But if he does not encounter the penalty, then according to your argument, he will be happy."

Pol. "Yes."

Soc. "But conversely, according to my opinion, Polus, the man who commits injustice and is unjust is utterly destitute, but even more destitute if he does not meet with justice and pay the penalty, having acted unjustly, and yet less destitute if he does pay the penalty and meet with justice, at the behest of gods and men."

Pol. (473) "The thing you are trying to argue is kooky, Socrates!"

Soc. "Nevertheless I will try to bring you to make the same argument that I do, for I view you as a friend. But as of now, here is the point on which we differ – and see if you think so. In what we have said so far, I have declared committing injustice to be a greater evil than suffering it."

Pol. "Quite so."

Soc. "And you, that suffering is."

1 ἄλλο τι F : ἄλλ' ὅτι BTWP : ἄλλο τι ἢ B²ZZa.

2 ἄρ' PW : ἄρ' B : ἄρα F.

3 γε BTP : om. F.

4 πάντως Stob. : ἀπάντων BTPF.

5 μέντοι F Stob. : μὲν τοίνυν BTPY.

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. καὶ τοὺς ἀδικοῦντας ἀθλίους ἔφην εἶναι ἐγώ, καὶ ἐξηλέγχθην ὑπὸ σοῦ.

ΠΩΛ. ναὶ μὰ Δία. [b]

ΣΩ. ὥς σύ οἶει,¹ ὦ Πῶλε.

ΠΩΛ. ἀληθῆ γε οἰόμενος.

ΣΩ. ἴσως.² σὺ δέ γε εὐδαίμονας αὖ τοὺς ἀδικοῦντας, ἐὰν μὴ διδῶσι δίκην.

ΠΩΛ. πάνυ μὲν οὖν.

ΣΩ. ἐγὼ δέ γε³ αὐτοὺς ἀθλιωτάτους φημί, τοὺς δὲ διδόντας δίκην ἤττον. βούλει καὶ τοῦτο ἐλέγχειν;

ΠΩΛ. ἀλλ' ἔτι τοῦτ' ἐκείνου χαλεπώτερόν ἐστιν, ὦ Σώκρατες, ἐξελέγξαι.

ΣΩ. οὐ δῆτα, ὦ Πῶλε, ἀλλ' ἀδύνατον· τὸ γὰρ ἀληθὲς οὐδέποτε ἐλέγχεται.

ΠΩΛ. πῶς λέγεις; ἐὰν ἀδικῶν⁴ ἄνθρωπος ληφθῇ τυραννίδι [c] ἐπιβουλεύων, καὶ ληφθεὶς στρεβλῶται καὶ ἐκτέμνηται καὶ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς ἐκκάζεται, καὶ ἄλλας πολλὰς καὶ μεγάλας καὶ παντοδαπὰς λώβας αὐτός τε λωβηθεὶς καὶ τοὺς αὐτοῦ ἐπιδὼν παῖδάς τε καὶ γυναῖκα τὸ ἔσχατον ἀνασταυρωθῇ ἢ καταπιττωθῇ, οὗτος εὐδαιμονέστερος ἔσται ἢ ἐὰν διαφυγὼν τύραννος καταστῇ καὶ ἄρχων ἐν τῇ πόλει διαβιῶ ποιῶν ὅτι ἂν βούληται, ζηλωτὸς ὢν καὶ

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “And I argued that those who act unjustly are unhappy, and was fully refuted by you – ”

Pol. “You can be quite sure of that!”

Soc. “– as you think.”

Pol. “Thinking truly.”

Soc. “Maybe, but you for your part think those who act unjustly are happy, as long as they don't pay the penalty.”

Pol. “Very much so.”

Soc. “And I for my part assert they are the most unhappy of people, while those who pay the penalty are less so. Do you want to challenge this point also?”

Pol. “Oh my, Socrates, this is even harder than your other point to defeat.”

Soc. “No, not harder: impossible. The truth is never defeated.”

Pol. “How can you say that? If a man is caught in the unjust act of plotting a tyranny, and once caught is strung up and castrated and has his eyes burnt out, and, himself having suffered disfigurements many and great and looked on as the same things were inflicted upon his wife and children, then meets his end by being nailed to a board or burned alive, shall this man be the more happy than if he were to get away with that act and assume the tyrant's throne and live the rest of his life in his city

1 σὺ BTP : σύ γε FY.

2 ἴσως *Socrati tribuens F : Polo alii.* (edd.) : *secl. olim* Heindorf.

3 γε F : *om.* BTP.

4 ἀδικῶν] *secl. Dobree : ἀδίκως coni.* Findeisen.

εὐδαιμονιζόμενος ὑπὸ τῶν [d] πολιτῶν καὶ τῶν ἄλλων
ξένων; ταῦτα λέγεις ἀδύνατον εἶναι ἐξελέγχειν;

ΣΩ. μορμολύττη αὖ, ὦ γενναῖε Πῶλε, καὶ οὐκ
ἐλέγχεις· ἄρτι δὲ ἐμαρτύρου.¹ ὅμως δὲ ὑπόμνησόν με
σικκρόν. ἐὰν ἀδίκως ἐπιβουλεύων τυραννίδι, εἴπεις;

ΠΩΛ. ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. εὐδαιμονέστερος μὲν τοίνυν οὐδέποτε ἔσται
οὐδέτερος αὐτῶν, οὔτε ὁ κατειργασμένος τὴν τυραννίδα
ἀδίκως οὔτε ὁ διδοὺς δίκην²—δυοῖν γὰρ ἀθλίοιιν
εὐδαιμονέστερος μὲν [e] οὐκ ἂν εἴη—ἀθλιώτερος μέντοι ὁ
διαφεύγων καὶ τυραννεύσας.

... τί τοῦτο, ὦ Πῶλε; γελαῖς; ἄλλο αὖ τοῦτο εἶδος
ἐλέγχου ἐστίν, ἐπειδάν τις τι εἴπῃ, καταγελαῖν, ἐλέγχειν δὲ
μή;

ΠΩΛ. οὐκ οἶμι ἐξεληλέγχθαι, ὦ Σώκρατες, ὅταν
τοιαῦτα λέγῃς ἃ οὐδεὶς ἂν φήσειεν ἀνθρώπων; ἐπεὶ ἐροῦ
τινα τουτωνί.

ΣΩ. ὦ Πῶλε, οὐκ εἰμὶ τῶν πολιτικῶν, καὶ πέρυσιν
βουλεύειν λαχὼν, ἐπειδὴ ἡ φυλὴ ἐπρυτάνευε καὶ ἔδει με
ἐπιψηφίζειν, [474] γέλωτα παρῆχον καὶ οὐκ ἡπιστάμην
ἐπιψηφίζειν. μὴ οὖν μηδὲ νῦν με κέλευε ἐπιψηφίζειν τοὺς
παρόντας, ἀλλ' εἰ μὴ ἔχεις τούτων βελτίω ἔλεγχον, ὅπερ
νυνδὴ ἔλεγον ἐγώ,³ ἐμοὶ ἐν τῷ μέρει παράδοξος, καὶ πείρασαι
τοῦ ἐλέγχου οἷον ἐγὼ οἶμαι⁴ εἶναι. ἐγὼ γὰρ ὧν ἂν λέγω ἕνα
μὲν παρασχέσθαι μάρτυρα ἐπίσταμαι, αὐτὸν πρὸς ὃν ἂν μοι

1 ἄρτι δὲ ἐμαρτύρου] *secl.* Ast.

2 ὁ διδοὺς δίκην F : ὁ διδοὺς BTPY : ὁ δίκην διδοὺς Steph. : ὁ δίκην δοὺς
coni. Schmidt : ὁ ἀλοὺς *coni.* Winckelmann.

3 ἔλεγον ἐγώ P : ἔλεγον F : ἐγὼ ἔλεγον mss.

4 οἶμαι F : οἶμαι δεῖν BTPf.

doing exactly what he wants – envied and counted happy
by the citizens and by foreigners to boot? *This* is the
thesis you are saying cannot be defeated?”

Soc. “Now you trying to intimidate me, brave
Polus, and not refute me. And before you were calling
witnesses! And yet remind me: did you say, ‘If he
unjustly plots against a tyranny’?”

Pol. “I did.”

Soc. “Well then happier neither will ever be,
neither the one that captures the throne unjustly nor the
one that pays the penalty – of a pair of destitute men
neither can be the happier – but you *can* say that the one
who gets away with it and becomes tyrant would be
unhappier.

“... and what’s this, Polus – you laugh? Still
another type of refutation when somebody asserts
something, that you ridicule it but not refute it?”

Pol. “Don’t you think you have already been
been defeated, when you find yourself arguing something
of such ilk that no man would agree? Just ask any of
these here!”

Soc. “Polus, please! I don’t make a career of
politics: Just last year, when it fell to my tribe to serve in
the Prytany, I had (474) to put something to a vote and I
was laughed down for not knowing how to do it. So don’t
bid me to put this to a vote now, among these here;
instead, if you have no better method of refutation to run
than these, give me a turn at it, as I said before, and try to
work through the sort of thing I call a refutation. In my
case there is one witness I know how to adduce for what I

ὁ λόγος ἦ, τοὺς δὲ πολλοὺς ἐῷ χαίρειν, καὶ ἓνα ἐπισηφίζειν ἐπίσταμαι, τοῖς δὲ [b] πολλοῖς οὐδὲ διαλέγομαι. ὅρα οὖν εἰ ἐθελήσεις ἐν τῷ μέρει διδόναι ἔλεγχον ἀποκρινόμενος τὰ ἐρωτώμενα. ἐγὼ γὰρ δὴ οἶμαι καὶ ἐμὲ καὶ σὲ καὶ τοὺς ἄλλους ἀνθρώπους τὸ ἀδικεῖν τοῦ ἀδικεῖσθαι κάκιον ἡγεῖσθαι καὶ τὸ μὴ διδόναι δίκην τοῦ διδόναι.

ΠΩΛ. ἐγὼ δέ γε οὐτ' ἐμὲ οὐτ' ἄλλον ἀνθρώπων οὐδένα. ἐπεὶ σὺ δέξαι' ἂν μᾶλλον ἀδικεῖσθαι ἢ ἀδικεῖν;

ΣΩ. καὶ σύ γ' ἂν καὶ οἱ ἄλλοι πάντες.

ΠΩΛ. πολλοῦ γε δεῖ, ἀλλ' οὐτ' ἐγὼ οὔτε σὺ οὐτ' ἄλλος οὐδεῖς. [c]

ΣΩ. ... οὐκ οὖν ἀποκρινῇ;¹

ΠΩΛ. πάνυ μὲν οὖν· καὶ γὰρ ἐπιθυμῶ εἰδέναι ὅτι ποτ' ἐρεῖς.

ΣΩ. λέγε δὴ μοι, ἵν' εἰδῇς, ὥσπερ ἂν εἰ ἐξ ἀρχῆς σε ἡρώτων· πότερον δοκεῖ σοι, ὦ Πῶλε, κάκιον εἶναι, τὸ ἀδικεῖν ἢ τὸ ἀδικεῖσθαι;

ΠΩΛ. τὸ ἀδικεῖσθαι ἔμοιγε.

ΣΩ. τί δὲ δῆ;² αἴσχιον πότερον τὸ ἀδικεῖν ἢ τὸ ἀδικεῖσθαι;

... ἀποκρίνου.

ΠΩΛ. τὸ ἀδικεῖν.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ κάκιον, εἴπερ αἴσχιον.

ΠΩΛ. ἥκιστα γε.

1 οὐκ οὖν (Burnet) : οὐκοῦν *scr. alii*. || ἀποκρινῇ PW : ἀποκρινεῖ BT : ἀποκρίνη Y.

2 τί δὲ δῆ BWPF : τί δαὶ δῆ T.

argue, the very man with whom I am having my discussion: the testimony of the many I forgo. Likewise it is one man that I know how to poll: with the many I likewise forgo to dialogue. See then if you will finally submit to testing by playing answerer. I truly do think that both I and you and everybody else believe that committing injustice is a worse thing than suffering it, and that not paying the penalty is worse than paying it.”

Pol “And I think that neither I nor anybody else does – since you *would* accept suffering injustice more than committing it.”

Soc. “You would, too – and everybody else.”

Pol. “Far from it: not I, not you, not anybody.”

Soc. ... “So you won’t answer?”

Pol. “I certainly will, for I am eager to know what in the world you are going to say!”

Soc. “Then tell me, so you can know, as if we were starting all over with this question: ‘Tell me, Polus, which do you judge is worse, to do injustice or to be done it?’”

Pol. “To be done it, I would say.”

Soc. “But which is more *shameful*? To do injustice or be done it?”

“... Answer!”

Pol. “To do it.”

Soc. “Is it also worse, if as you say it is more shameful?”

Pol. “Not in the least.”

ΣΩ. μανθάνω· οὐ [d] ταὐτὸν ἡγῆ σύ, ὥς ἔοικας, καλὸν τε καὶ ἀγαθὸν καὶ κακὸν καὶ αἰσχρόν.

ΠΩΛ. οὐ δῆτα.

ΣΩ. τί δὲ¹ τόδε; τὰ καλὰ πάντα, οἷον καὶ σώματα καὶ χρώματα καὶ σχήματα² καὶ φωνὰς καὶ ἐπιτηδεύματα, εἰς οὐδὲν ἀποβλέπων καλεῖς ἐκάστοτε καλὰ; οἷον πρῶτον τὰ σώματα τὰ καλὰ οὐχὶ ἦτοι κατὰ τὴν χρεῖαν λέγεις καλὰ εἶναι, πρὸς δ' ἂν ἕκαστον χρήσιμον ἦ, πρὸς τοῦτο, ἢ κατὰ ἡδονὴν τινα, ἐὰν ἐν τῷ θεωρεῖσθαι χαίρειν ποιῇ τοὺς θεωροῦντας; ἔχεις τι ἐκτὸς τούτων λέγειν περὶ σώματος κάλλους; [e]

ΠΩΛ. οὐκ ἔχω.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ τᾶλλα πάντα οὕτω καὶ σχήματα καὶ χρώματα³ ἢ διὰ ἡδονὴν τινα ἢ διὰ ὠφελίαν ἢ δι' ἀμφοτέρα καλὰ προσαγορεύεις;

ΠΩΛ. ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. οὐ καὶ τὰς φωνὰς καὶ τὰ κατὰ τὴν μουσικὴν πάντα ὡσαύτως;

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. καὶ μὴν τά γε κατὰ τοὺς νόμους καὶ τὰ ἐπιτηδεύματα οὐ δήπου ἐκτὸς τούτων ἐστίν, τὰ καλὰ,⁴ τοῦ ἢ ὠφέλιμα εἶναι ἢ ἡδέα ἢ ἀμφοτέρα.

[475] ΠΩΛ. οὐκ ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ.

Soc. “I get what you are saying: You deny that the same thing is both fine and good, or bad and shameful.”

Pol. “Yes, not at all.”

Soc. “What about this: Of all things that are fine, whether bodies or colors or shapes or voices or practices, are you calling them fine in each case looking off to nothing as a reference? For instance, first of all, bodies that are fine: don’t say they are fine in accordance with their usefulness in connection with whatever in each case they are useful for, that it is in connection with this that they are fine, or in accordance with some pleasure they provide, if in being beheld they give joy to the beholders? Have you anything else to mention besides these two, as to the fineness of a body?”

Pol. “No I haven’t.”

Soc. “And isn’t it so for all the other things, whether for shapes or colors, that either because of some pleasure or some usefulness or because of both, you denominate them ‘fine’?”

Pol. “Yes I do.”

Soc. “And isn’t it also so for voices and everything else that is musical?”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “Moreover, in the matter of laws and practices: they are not exceptions, presumably, the fine ones, from being either useful or pleasurable, or both.”

Pol. (475) “They do not seem exceptions to me.”

1 τί δὲ BTPF : τί δαί Esc. Steph.

2 καὶ σχήματα BTP : om. F Olymp.

3 καὶ σχήματα καὶ χρώματα BTP : χρώματα καὶ σχήματα F.

4 τὰ καλὰ BTFP : om. YW : καλὰ V || τοῦ ἢ PWF : ἢ BY : τοῦ T.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ τὸ τῶν μαθημάτων κάλλος
ὡσαύτως;

ΠΩΛ. πάνυ γε· καὶ καλῶς γε νῦν ὀρίζῃ, ὦ
Σώκρατες, ἡδονῇ τε καὶ ἀγαθῷ ὀριζόμενος τὸ καλόν.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν τὸ αἰσχροὺν τῷ ἐναντίῳ, λύπῃ τε καὶ
κακῷ;

ΠΩΛ. ἀνάγκη.

ΣΩ. ὅταν ἄρα δυοῖν καλοῖν θάτερον κάλλιον ᾖ, ἢ τῷ
ἐτέρῳ τούτοις ἢ ἀμφοτέροις ὑπερβάλλον κάλλιον ἔστιν,
ἥτοι ἡδονῇ ἢ ὠφελίᾳ ἢ ἀμφοτέροις.

ΠΩΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. καὶ ὅταν δὲ δὴ δυοῖν αἰσχροῖν τὸ [b] ἕτερον
αἰσχρον ᾖ, ἥτοι λύπῃ ἢ κακῷ¹ ὑπερβάλλον αἰσχρον ἔσται· ἢ
οὐκ ἀνάγκη;

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. φέρε δὴ, πῶς ἐλέγετο νυνδὴ περὶ τοῦ ἀδικεῖν
καὶ ἀδικεῖσθαι; οὐκ ἔλεγες τὸ μὲν ἀδικεῖσθαι κάκιον εἶναι,
τὸ δὲ ἀδικεῖν αἰσχρον;

ΠΩΛ. ἔλεγον.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν εἴπερ αἰσχρον τὸ ἀδικεῖν τοῦ ἀδικεῖσθαι,
ἥτοι λυπηρότερόν ἐστιν καὶ λύπη ὑπερβάλλον αἰσχρον ἂν
εἴη ἢ κακῷ ἢ ἀμφοτέροις; οὐ καὶ τοῦτο ἀνάγκη;

ΠΩΛ. πῶς γὰρ οὐ;

Soc. “And is the fineness of studies similar?”

Pol. “Quite so. Indeed you are doing a fine job
of distinguishing this time, using the pleasant and the
good as distinguishing marks of the fine.”

Soc. “Is it by the opposite that we define the
ugly – by pain and by badness?”

Pol. “Necessarily.”

Soc. “Therefore whenever one of two fine things
is finer, it is because it exceeds the other in one or both of
these two aspects that it is finer, whether in pleasure or in
usefulness or both.”

Pol. “Quite.”

Soc. “And so, on the other hand, when one of
two ugly things is uglier, it is either because it exceeds
the other in pain or in badness that it is uglier – or does
this not necessarily follow?”

Pol. “It does.”

Soc. “Come then, what was being said just a
moment ago about committing and suffering injustice?
Were you not saying that undergoing injustice was worse
but committing it was uglier?”

Pol. “So I was.”

Soc. “And if as you aver committing injustice is
uglier than undergoing it, it is either more painful –
exceeding the other in pain, that is – or in badness, or in
both? Is this equally necessarily?”

Pol. “How could it not be?”

¹ κακῷ] κακῷ ἢ ἀμφοτέροις *add.* Kratz.

ΣΩ. πρῶτον [c] μὲν δὴ σκεψώμεθα, ἄρα λύπη
ὑπερβάλλει τὸ ἀδικεῖν τοῦ ἀδικεῖσθαι, καὶ ἀλγοῦσι μᾶλλον
οἱ ἀδικοῦντες ἢ οἱ ἀδικούμενοι;

ΠΩΛ. οὐδαμῶς, ὦ Σώκρατες, τοῦτό γε.

ΣΩ. οὐκ ἄρα λύπη γε ὑπερέχει.

ΠΩΛ. οὐ δῆτα.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν εἰ μὴ λύπη, ἀμφοτέροις μὲν οὐκ ἂν ἔτι
ὑπερβάλλοι.

ΠΩΛ. οὐ φαίνεται.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν τῷ ἑτέρῳ λείπεται.

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. τῷ κακῷ.

ΠΩΛ. ἔοικεν.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν κακῷ ὑπερβάλλον τὸ ἀδικεῖν κάκιον ἂν
εἴη τοῦ ἀδικεῖσθαι.

ΠΩΛ. δῆλον δὲ ὅτι. [d]

ΣΩ. ἄλλο τι οὖν ὑπὸ μὲν τῶν πολλῶν ἀνθρώπων καὶ
ὑπὸ σοῦ ὁμολογεῖτο ἡμῖν ἐν τῷ ἔμπροσθεν χρόνῳ¹ αἴσχιον
εἶναι τὸ ἀδικεῖν τοῦ ἀδικεῖσθαι;

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. νῦν δέ γε κάκιον ἐφάνη.

ΠΩΛ. ἔοικε.

Soc. “So first let’s investigate whether it is in
pain that doing injustice exceeds undergoing it, and
whether those who act unjustly suffer more pain than
those who are dealt injustice.”

Pol. “That, for sure, Socrates, is not the case.”

Soc. “So it is not in pain that it exceeds.”

Pol. “No indeed.”

Soc. “And if not in pain then the possibility of
exceeding it in both is ruled out.”

Pol. “Clearly.”

Soc. “And so to exceed in the other is what is
left.”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “In badness.”

Pol. “So it seems.”

Soc. “And since exceeding in badness, doing
injustice would be worse than suffering it.”

Pol. “Clearly so.”

Soc. “Now didn’t we agree just a moment ago
that, according to the majority of mankind and to you
yourself, doing injustice is uglier than suffering it?”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “But now it appears also to be worse?”

Pol. “Seems so.”

¹ χρόνῳ] λόγῳ *coni.* Findeisen : *secl.* Cron.

ΣΩ. δέξαιο ἂν οὖν σὺ μᾶλλον τὸ κάκιον καὶ τὸ αἰσχίον ἀντὶ τοῦ ἥττον;

... μὴ ὄκνει ἀποκρίνασθαι, ὦ Πῶλε· οὐδὲν γὰρ βλαβήσῃ· ἀλλὰ γενναίως τῷ λόγῳ ὥσπερ ἰατρῷ παρέχων ἀποκρίνου, καὶ ἢ [e] φάθῃ ἢ μὴ ἂ ἐρωτῶ.

ΠΩΛ. ἀλλ' οὐκ ἂν δεξαίμην, ὦ Σώκρατες.

ΣΩ. ἄλλος δέ τις ἀνθρώπων;

ΠΩΛ. οὐ μοι δοκεῖ κατὰ γε τοῦτον τὸν λόγον.

ΣΩ. ἀληθῆ ἄρα ἐγὼ ἔλεγον, ὅτι οὐτ' ἂν ἐγὼ οὐτ' ἂν σὺ οὐτ' ἄλλος οὐδεὶς ἀνθρώπων δέξαιτ' ἂν μᾶλλον ἀδικεῖν ἢ ἀδικεῖσθαι· κάκιον γὰρ τυγχάνει ὄν.

ΠΩΛ. φαίνεται.

ΣΩ. ὁρᾷς οὖν, ὦ Πῶλε, ὁ ἔλεγχος παρὰ τὸν ἔλεγχον παραβαλλόμενος ὅτι οὐδὲν ὅμοιον, ἀλλὰ σοὶ μὲν οἱ ἄλλοι πάντες ὁμολογοῦσιν πλὴν ἐμοῦ, ἐμοὶ δὲ σὺ ἐξαρκεῖς εἷς ὢν [476] μόνος καὶ ὁμολογῶν καὶ μαρτυρῶν, καὶ ἐγὼ σὲ μόνον ἐπισηφίζων τοὺς ἄλλους ἐὼ χαίρειν. καὶ τοῦτο μὲν ἡμῖν οὕτως ἐχέτω· μετὰ τοῦτο δὲ περὶ οὗ τὸ δεύτερον ἡμφεσβητήσαμεν σκεψώμεθα, τὸ ἀδικοῦντα δίδόναι δίκην ἄρα μέγιστον τῶν κακῶν ἐστίν, ὥς σὺ ᾧ, ἢ μείζον τὸ μὴ δίδόναι, ὥς αὖ ἐγὼ ᾧ.

σκοπώμεθα δὲ τῇδε· τὸ δίδόναι δίκην καὶ τὸ κολάζεσθαι δικαίως ἀδικοῦντα ἄρα τὸ αὐτὸ καλεῖς;

ΠΩΛ. ἔγωγε. [b]

Soc. “So would you sooner accept something both worse and uglier than something less so?

... “Don’t shrink from answering, Polus – no harm will come to you. Have the heart to give yourself over to the argument, as to a doctor, and answer. Say ‘Yea’ or ‘Nay’ to what I am asking you.”

Pol. “You’re right, I would not accept it, Socrates.”

Soc. “And would any other man?”

Pol. “No, it seems to me, given this argument.”

Soc. “And so it was true when I said that neither I nor you nor any man would accept doing injustice rather than suffering it – for the fact is, it is worse.”

Pol. “So it seems.”

Soc. “So now you can see, Polus, by setting one style of refutation alongside the other, that they resemble each other not at all: in yours all others agree with you except for me, whereas in mine it suffices that you, as only a (476) single man, agree with me and serve as my witness, and in polling only you I can ignore the others. Let’s let that be how it stands between us on this first topic. Next, let’s investigate the second question on which we had discrepant views: whether for the man who acts unjustly to pay the penalty is the greatest of evils, as you were thinking, or whether not paying it is a still greater evil, as I was thinking. Let’s investigate the matter as follows. Are paying the penalty and being justly punished, when one has committed injustice, according to you, the same thing?”

Pol. “They are.”

ΣΩ. ἔχεις οὖν λέγειν ὡς οὐχὶ τά γε δίκαια πάντα καλὰ ἐστίν, καθ' ὅσον δίκαια; καὶ διασκεψάμενος εἰπέ.

ΠΩΛ. ἀλλὰ μοι δοκεῖ, ὦ Σώκρατες.

ΣΩ. σκόπει δὴ καὶ τόδε· ἄρα εἴ τις τι ποιεῖ, ἀνάγκη τι εἶναι καὶ πάσχον ὑπὸ τούτου τοῦ ποιοῦντος;

ΠΩΛ. ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ.

ΣΩ. ἄρα τοῦτο πάσχον ὃ τὸ ποιοῦν ποιεῖ, καὶ τοιοῦτον οἷον ποιεῖ τὸ ποιοῦν; λέγω δὲ τὸ τοιόνδε· εἴ τις τύπτει, ἀνάγκη τι τύπτεσθαι;

ΠΩΛ. ἀνάγκη.

ΣΩ. καὶ εἰ σφόδρα τύπτει ἢ ταχὺ ὃ [c] τύπτων, οὕτω καὶ τὸ τυπτόμενον τύπτεσθαι;

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. τοιοῦτον ἄρα πάθος τῷ τυπτομένῳ ἐστὶν οἷον ἂν τὸ τύπτον ποιῇ;

ΠΩΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ εἰ κάει τις, ἀνάγκη τι κάεσθαι;

ΠΩΛ. πῶς γὰρ οὔ;

ΣΩ. καὶ εἰ σφόδρα γε κάει ἢ ἀλγεινῶς, οὕτω κάεσθαι τὸ καόμενον ὡς ἂν τὸ κᾶον κάη;

ΠΩΛ. πάνυ γε.

Soc. “Are you able to argue against the idea that all just things as such are fine, to the extent they are just? Think carefully and answer.”

Pol. “Nay, I *do* judge them to be, Socrates.”

Soc. “Then think also about this: Would you say that if somebody does something, that by necessity there is also something that undergoes what this doer does?”

Pol. “I think so.”

Soc. “And does this thing, by virtue of undergoing what the acting agent does, also take on the quality of what the agent does to it? What I mean is something like this: if somebody strikes something, it is necessary that something is struck.”

Pol. “Necessary.”

Soc. “And if he who is striking strikes intensely or fast, the stricken thing is struck in like manner?”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “The undergoing that belongs to the stricken thing is of the same quality as the way the striking element struck.”

Pol. “Quite.”

Soc. “And if someone burns, it is necessary that something is being burned?”

Pol. “How not?”

Soc. “And if he burns it intensely or painfully, so also is the cauterized thing cauterized – namely, the way the cauterizer cauterized it?”

Pol. “Quite.”

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ εἰ τέμνει τι,¹ ὁ αὐτὸς λόγος; τέμνεται γάρ τι.

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. καὶ εἰ μέγα γε ἢ βαθὺ τὸ τμήμα ἢ ἀλγεινόν, τοιοῦτον [d] τμήμα τέμνεται τὸ τεμνόμενον οἷον τὸ τέμνον τέμνει;

ΠΩΛ. φαίνεται.

ΣΩ. συλλήβδην δὴ ὅρα εἰ ὁμολογεῖς, ὃ ἄρτι ἔλεγον, περὶ πάντων, οἷον ἂν ποιῇ τὸ ποιοῦν, τοιοῦτον τὸ πάσχον πάσχειν.

ΠΩΛ. ἀλλ' ὁμολογῶ.

ΣΩ. τούτων δὴ ὁμολογουμένων, τὸ δίκην δίδοναι πότερον πάσχειν τί ἐστὶν ἢ ποιεῖν;

ΠΩΛ. ἀνάγκη,² ὃ Σώκρατες, πάσχειν.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν ὑπὸ τινος ποιοῦντος;

ΠΩΛ. πῶς γὰρ οὐ; ὑπὸ γε τοῦ κολάζοντος.

ΣΩ. ὁ δὲ ὀρθῶς κολάζων [e] δικαίως κολάζει;

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. δίκαια ποιῶν ἢ οὐ;

ΠΩΛ. δίκαια.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν ὁ κολαζόμενος δίκην διδοὺς δίκαια πάσχει;

ΠΩΛ. φαίνεται.

Soc. “And is it analogous if he cuts something? Is something cut?”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “And if the cut is large or deep, or it is painful, the cut that was cut has the quality as the cutting agent’s cutting?”

Pol. “It seems so.”

Soc. “And bundling all that together see whether you agree, as I just now put it, that in all cases, whatever way the acting agent performs his action so does the undergoing element undergo it.”

Pol. “But I do agree.”

Soc. “That being agreed, let me ask, is paying the penalty an undergoing or a doing?”

Pol. “Necessarily it is an undergoing.”

Soc. “An undergoing under some active agent?”

Pol. “How could it not be? Under the agency of the punisher.”

Soc. “Does he who punishes correctly punish justly?”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “Doing just things or not?”

Pol. “Just things.”

Soc. “Does he who is punished, in paying the penalty, undergo just things?”

Pol. “It seems so.”

¹ τι BTWPF : τις Stob. Ficinus [*similiter si quis secat*].

² ἀνάγκη] ἀνάγκη *coni.* Richards.

ΣΩ. τὰ δὲ δίκαιά που καλὰ ὁμολόγηται;

ΠΩΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. τούτων ἄρα ὁ μὲν ποιεῖ καλά, ὁ δὲ πάσχει, ὁ κολαζόμενος.

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

[477] ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν εἴπερ καλά, ἀγαθὰ; ἢ γὰρ ἡδέα ἢ ὠφέλιμα.

ΠΩΛ. ἀνάγκη.

ΣΩ. ἀγαθὰ ἄρα πάσχει ὁ δίκην διδούς;

ΠΩΛ. ἔοικεν.

ΣΩ. ὠφελεῖται ἄρα;

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. ἄρα ἦνπερ ἐγὼ ὑπολαμβάνω τὴν ὠφελίαν; βελτίων τὴν ψυχὴν γίγνεται, εἴπερ δικαίως κολάζεται;

ΠΩΛ. εἰκός γε.

ΣΩ. κακίας ἄρα ψυχῆς ἀπαλλάττεται ὁ δίκην διδούς;

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. ἄρα οὖν τοῦ μεγίστου ἀπαλλάττεται [b] κακοῦ; ὧδε δὲ σκόπει· ἐν χρημάτων κατασκευῇ ἀνθρώπου κακίαν ἄλλην τινὰ ἐνορᾷς ἢ πενίαν;

ΠΩΛ. οὐκ, ἀλλὰ πενίαν.

Soc. “But hadn’t it been agreed that just things are fine?”

Pol. “Quite.”

Soc. “Therefore, one of these two does fine things and the other undergoes them, namely the man being punished.”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. (477) “If they are fine, are they good, as being either pleasurable or beneficial?”

Pol. “Necessarily.”

Soc. “Therefore it is good things that the person paying the penalty undergoes?”

Pol. “So it seems.”

Soc. “He is being benefitted, therefore?”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “Is it the same benefit that I assume it to be – that he becomes more noble in soul if he is justly punished?”

Pol. “Well, I guess so.”

Soc. “And so the person paying the penalty is released from a badness of soul?”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “Is it from the greatest evil he is released? Look at it this way: as to the status of a man’s possessions, do you observe any other badness than poverty?”

Pol. “No, it is poverty.”

ΣΩ. τί δ' ἐν σώματος κατασκευῇ; κακίαν ἂν φήσαις ἀσθένειαν εἶναι καὶ νόσον καὶ αἷσχος καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα;

ΠΩΛ. ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ ἐν ψυχῇ πονηρίαν ἡγῇ τινα εἶναι;

ΠΩΛ. πῶς γὰρ οὐ;

ΣΩ. ταύτην οὖν οὐκ ἀδικίαν καλεῖς καὶ ἀμαθίαν καὶ δειλίαν καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα;

ΠΩΛ. πάνυ μὲν οὖν.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν χρημάτων [c] καὶ σώματος καὶ ψυχῆς, τριῶν ὄντων, τριττὰς εἴρηκας πονηρίας, πενίαν, νόσον, ἀδικίαν;

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. τίς οὖν τούτων τῶν πονηριῶν αἰσχίστη; οὐχ ἡ ἀδικία καὶ συλλήβδην ἢ τῆς ψυχῆς πονηρία;

ΠΩΛ. πολὺ γε.

ΣΩ. εἰ δὴ αἰσχίστη, καὶ κακίστη;

ΠΩΛ. πῶς, ὦ Σώκρατες, λέγεις;

ΣΩ. ὦδι· ἀεὶ τὸ αἰσχιστον ἦτοι λύπην μεγίστην παρέχον ἢ βλάβην ἢ ἀμφοτέρω αἰσχιστόν ἐστιν ἐκ τῶν ὁμολογημένων ἐν τῷ ἔμπροσθεν.

ΠΩΛ. μάλιστα.

Soc. “What about the state of his body? Would you declare that weakness is its evil, and disease and ugliness and such things?”

Pol. “I would.”

Soc. “Do you also take it that there is a baseness of soul?”

Pol. “How could there not be?”

Soc. “And would you call this injustice and ignorance and fearfulness and such things?”

Pol. “Quite.”

Soc. “So for the three things – possessions, body, and soul – you have named three basenesses: poverty, disease, and injustice?”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “Which of your three basenesses is the ugliest? Isn't it injustice and intemperance and baseness of soul in general?”

Pol. “Quite so.”

Soc. “But if the ugliest, isn't it also the worst?”

Pol. “How would you argue that?”

Soc. “Here's how. Always, the ugliest thing is ugliest because it brings on the greatest pain or the greatest harm, or both, based on the agreements we have already reached before.”

Pol. “Exactly.”

ΣΩ. αἴσχιστον δὲ ἀδικία καὶ σύμπασα ψυχῆς
πονηρία νυνδὴ [d] ὁμολόγηται ἡμῖν;

ΠΩΛ. ὁμολόγηται γάρ.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν ἥ ἀνιαρώτατόν ἐστι, ἀνία ὑπερβάλλον
αἴσχιστον¹ τούτων ἐστὶν ἡ βλάβη ἢ ἀμφοτέρα;²

ΠΩΛ. ἀνάγκη.

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν ἀλγεινότερόν ἐστιν τοῦ πένεσθαι καὶ
κάμνειν τὸ ἄδικον εἶναι καὶ ἀκόλαστον καὶ δειλὸν καὶ
ἀμαθῆ;

ΠΩΛ. οὐκ ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ, ὦ Σώκρατες, ἀπὸ τούτων
γε.

ΣΩ. ὑπερφυεῖ τινι ἄρα ὡς μεγάλη βλάβη καὶ κακῷ
θαυμασίῳ³ ὑπερβάλλουσα [e] τᾶλλα ἢ τῆς ψυχῆς πονηρία
αἴσχιστόν ἐστι πάντων, ἐπειδὴ οὐκ ἀλγηδόνι γε, ὡς ὁ σὸς
λόγος.

ΠΩΛ. φαίνεται.

ΣΩ. ἀλλὰ μήν που τό γε μεγίστη βλάβη ὑπερβάλλον
μέγιστον ἂν κακὸν εἴη τῶν ὄντων.

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. ἡ ἀδικία ἄρα καὶ ἡ ἀκολασία καὶ ἡ ἄλλη ψυχῆς
πονηρία μέγιστον τῶν ὄντων κακόν ἐστιν;

ΠΩΛ. φαίνεται.

1 ἥ ἀνιαρώτατόν ἐστι, ἀνία ὑπερβάλλον BTPF Ficinus Steph. : ἡ
ἀνιαρώτατόν ἐστι καὶ ἀνία ὑπερβάλλον F || βλάβη F Stob. : βλάβη ἢ
λύπη BTWP.

2 ἀμφοτέρα] ἀμφοτέροις *coni.* Heindorf.

3 κακῷ θαυμασίῳ] θαυμασίῳ *secl.* Cobet : κακῷ *secl.* Theiler.

Soc. “But didn’t we reach just now the
agreement that what is ugliest is injustice and the whole
badness of soul taken together?”

Pol. “So we did.”

Soc. “Isn’t it the ugliest of these things as being
the most annoying and exceeding in annoyance, or as
being exceedingly harmful, or both?”

Pol. “Necessarily.”

Soc. “Is it a more painful thing than being poor
or being sick that one should be unjust and unbridled
and timid and ignorant?”

Pol. “Not in my opinion, Socrates – not at least
on the basis of the present agreements.”

Soc. “Then it is by exceeding all others in some
extraordinary and great harm and some astounding evil,
that the badness of soul is the ugliest of all things since it
is not so in its painfulness, as you argue.”

Pol. “It seems so.”

Soc. “But presumably what is exceeding in this
greatest of harms would as such be the worst of all things
that exist.”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “Injustice therefore, and rashness, and the
rest of the badness of soul is the greatest evil of all things
that exist.”

Pol. “Evidently.”

ΣΩ. τίς οὖν τέχνη πενίας ἀπαλλάττει; οὐ χρηματιστική;

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. τίς δὲ νόσου; οὐκ ἰατρική;

[478] ΠΩΛ. ἀνάγκη.

ΣΩ. τίς δὲ πονηρίας καὶ ἀδικίας; εἰ μὴ οὕτως εὐπορεῖς, ὧδε σκόπει· ποῖ ἄγομεν καὶ παρὰ τίνας τοὺς κάμνοντας τὰ σώματα;

ΠΩΛ. παρὰ τοὺς ἰατρούς, ὦ Σώκρατες.

ΣΩ. ποῖ δὲ τοὺς ἀδικοῦντας καὶ τοὺς ἀκολασταίνοντας;¹

ΠΩΛ. παρὰ τοὺς δικαστὰς λέγεις.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν δίκην δώσοντας;

ΠΩΛ. φημί.

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν οὐ δικαιοσύνη τινὶ χρώμενοι κολάζουσιν οἱ ὀρθῶς κολάζοντες;

ΠΩΛ. δῆλον δῆ.

ΣΩ. χρηματιστικὴ μὲν ἄρα πενίας ἀπαλλάττει, [b] ἰατρικὴ δὲ νόσου, δίκη δὲ ἀκολασίας καὶ ἀδικίας.

ΠΩΛ. φαίνεται.

ΣΩ. τί οὖν τούτων κάλλιστόν ἐστιν ὧν λέγεις;²

ΠΩΛ. τίνων λέγεις;

Soc. "Now which art is it that relieves us of poverty? Not the art of moneymaking?"

Pol. "Yes."

Soc. "And which of disease? Isn't it medicine?"

Pol. "Necessarily."

Soc. (478) "But which of badness and injustice? If you don't have any ideas at the moment let me make a suggestion. Where, and to whom, do we lead people who are sick in their bodies?"

Pol. "To the doctors, Socrates."

Soc. "And where do we lead those who are committing injustice and those who are acting rashly?"

Pol. "You are saying that it is to the judges."

Soc. "In order to pay their penalty?"

Pol. "Yes."

Soc. "And isn't it by employing a kind of justice that those who punish correctly are doing their punishing?"

Pol. "Clearly!"

Soc. "So moneymaking relieves poverty, medicine relieves sickness, and justice relieves licentiousness and injustice."

Pol. "Apparently."

Soc. "Which then of these that you are speaking of is the finest?"

Pol. "Which 'these' do you mean?"

¹ καὶ τοὺς ἀκολασταίνοντας BTP : τοὺς καὶ F : καὶ Z Stob.

² ΣΩ. ὧν λέγεις] *Polo tribuit* Kratz (τίνων λέγεις χρηματιστικῆς ἰατρικῆς δίκης *delens*) : ὧν λέγω Findeisen : *secl. edd.*

ΣΩ. χρηματιστικῆς, ιατρικῆς, δίκης.

ΠΩΛ. πολὺ διαφέρει, ὦ Σώκρατες, ἡ δίκη.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν αὖ ἤτοι ἡδονὴν πλείστην ποιεῖ ἢ ὠφελίαν ἢ ἀμφοτέρω, εἴπερ κάλλιστόν ἐστιν;

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν τὸ ἰατρεύεσθαι ἡδύ ἐστιν, καὶ χαίρουσιν οἱ ἰατρευόμενοι;

ΠΩΛ. οὐκ ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ.

ΣΩ. ἀλλ' ὠφελιμὸν γε. ἦ γάρ;

ΠΩΛ. [c] ναί.

ΣΩ. μεγάλου γὰρ κακοῦ ἀπαλλάττεται,¹ ὥστε λυσιτελεῖ ὑπομεῖναι τὴν ἀλγηδόνα καὶ ὑγιῆ εἶναι.²

ΠΩΛ. πῶς γὰρ οὐ;

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν οὕτως ἂν περὶ σῶμα εὐδαιμονέστατος ἄνθρωπος εἴη, ἰατρευόμενος, ἢ μηδὲ κάμνων τὴν³ ἀρχήν;

ΠΩΛ. δῆλον ὅτι μηδὲ κάμνων.

ΣΩ. οὐ γὰρ τοῦτ' ἦν εὐδαιμονία, ὥς ἔοικε, κακοῦ ἀπαλλαγὴ, ἀλλὰ τὴν ἀρχὴν μηδὲ κτῆσις.

ΠΩΛ. ἔστι ταῦτα. [d]

ΣΩ. τί δέ; ἀθλιώτερος πότερος δυοῖν ἐχόντοιν κακὸν εἶτ' ἐν σώματι εἶτ' ἐν ψυχῇ, ὁ ἰατρευόμενος καὶ ἀπαλλαττόμενος τοῦ κακοῦ, ἢ ὁ μὴ ἰατρευόμενος, ἔχων δέ;

Soc. “Moneymaking, medicine, justice.”

Pol. “Far superior, Socrates, is justice.”

Soc. “So it, in turn, creates the greatest pleasure or benefit or both – given that it is the finest.”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “Now is being treated by a doctor pleasant? Do those who are being treated enjoy it?”

Pol. “I think not.”

Soc. “But it’s beneficial – right?”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “After all, one is being relieved of a great evil, so that it profits him to endure the pain and be healthy.”

Pol. “Of course.”

Soc. “Now is this the way for a man to be happiest about his body – if he submits himself to medical treatment – or if he doesn’t even fall ill in the first place?”

Pol. “Clearly, if he doesn’t fall ill.”

Soc. “For happiness never was merely being released from evil, but never having taken it on in the first place.”

Pol. “That is true.”

Soc. “What about this: Of two men who are in a bad way, which is the worse off, whether as to body or soul: the one who is getting treatment and being relieved of the evil, or the one who though badly off is not getting treatment?”

¹ ἀπαλλάττεται] ἀπάλλαττει *coni.* Findeisen.

² καὶ ὑγιῆ εἶναι BTPF Stob. : καὶ ὑγιεῖ εἶναι J : *secl.* Morstadt.

³ τὴν ἀρχὴν F : ἀρχὴν BTW Stob.

ΠΩΛ. φαίνεται μοι ὁ μὴ ἰατρευόμενος.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν τὸ δίκην δίδοναι μεγίστου κακοῦ ἀπαλλαγὴ ἦν, πονηρίας;

ΠΩΛ. ἦν γάρ.

ΣΩ. σωφρονίζει γάρ που καὶ δικαιότερους ποιεῖ καὶ ἱατρικὴ γίγνεται πονηρίας ἢ δίκη.

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. εὐδαιμονέστατος μὲν ἄρα ὁ μὴ ἔχων κακίαν ἐν ψυχῇ, ἐπειδὴ τοῦτο [e] μέγιστον τῶν κακῶν ἐφάνη.

ΠΩΛ. δῆλον δὴ.

ΣΩ. δεύτερος δέ που¹ ὁ ἀπαλλαττόμενος.

ΠΩΛ. ἔοικεν.

ΣΩ. οὗτος δ' ἦν ὁ νοθετούμενός τε καὶ ἐπιπληττόμενος καὶ δίκην διδούς.

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. κάκιστα ἄρα ζῇ ὁ ἔχων ἀδικίαν² καὶ μὴ ἀπαλλαττόμενος.

ΠΩΛ. φαίνεται.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν οὗτος τυγχάνει ὦν ὃς ἂν τὰ μέγιστα ἀδικῶν καὶ χρώμενος μεγίστη ἀδικίᾳ διαπράξῃται ὥστε μῆτε νοθετεῖσθαι [479] μῆτε κολάζεσθαι μῆτε δίκην

1 δέ που FM Olymp.[λ] : δήπου BTWY E1 Ξ1 M2 Stob. : δὲ δήπου E1²Ξ1² Ald. Bas. Steph.

2 ἀδικίαν] om. Stob. : κακίαν Dobree.

Pol. “To me it seems the one who is not getting treatment.”

Soc. “Was paying the penalty a release from the greatest evil, from baseness of soul?”

Pol. “It was.”

Soc. “For what tempers them and thereby makes them juster and turns out to be a medicine for baseness is justice.”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “So the happiest man is he who is not bad off in his soul, since it became apparent that this is the greatest of evils.”

Pol. “Clearly, indeed.”

Soc. “And second happiest, I presume, is the man who is being relieved of it.”

Pol. “It seems so.”

Soc. “But this was the man, by our argument, who submits himself to reproach and chastisement – who, in short, pays the penalty.”

Pol. “Yes.”

Soc. “And so if he has injustice and is not being relieved of it, he is living the worst life.”

Pol. “Apparently.”

Soc. “And isn’t this man the one who, while committing the greatest of injustices and adopting injustice as his way of life, contrives never to be chastised (479) nor punished nor pay the penalty, all set

διδόναι, ὥσπερ σὺ φῆς Ἀρχέλαον παρεσκευάσθαι καὶ τοὺς ἄλλους τυράννους καὶ ῥήτορας καὶ δυνάστας;

ΠΩΛ. ἔοικε.

ΣΩ. σχεδὸν γάρ που οὗτοι, ὧ ἄριστε, τὸ αὐτὸ διαπεπραγμένοι εἰσὶν ὥσπερ ἂν εἴ τις τοῖς μεγίστοις νοσήμασιν συνισχύμενος διαπράξαιτο μὴ δίδοναι δίκην τῶν περὶ τὸ σῶμα ἀμαρτημάτων τοῖς ἰατροῖς μηδὲ ἰατρεύεσθαι, φοβούμενος ὥσπερ ἀνὴρ παῖς¹ τὸ κάεσθαι καὶ τὸ τέμνεσθαι, ὅτι [b] ἀλγεινόν. ἢ οὐ δοκεῖ καὶ σοὶ οὕτω;

ΠΩΛ. ἔμοιγε.

ΣΩ. ἀγνοῶν γε,² ὥς ἔοικεν, οἷόν ἐστιν ἡ ὑγίεια καὶ ἀρετὴ σώματος. κινδυνεύουσι γὰρ ἐκ τῶν νῦν ἡμῖν ὁμολογημένων τοιοῦτόν τι ποιεῖν καὶ οἱ τὴν δίκην φεύγοντες, ὧ Πῶλε, τὸ ἀλγεινὸν αὐτοῦ καθορᾶν, πρὸς δὲ τὸ ὠφέλιμον τυφλῶς ἔχουν καὶ ἀγνοεῖν ὅσῳ ἀθλιώτερόν ἐστι μὴ ὑγιὺς σώματος μὴ ὑγιεῖ ψυχῇ συνοικεῖν, ἀλλὰ σαθρᾷ καὶ ἀδίκῳ [c] καὶ ἀνοσίῳ, ὅθεν καὶ πᾶν ποιοῦσιν ὥστε δίκην μὴ δίδοναι μηδ' ἀπαλλάττεσθαι τοῦ μεγίστου κακοῦ, καὶ χρήματα παρασκευαζόμενοι καὶ φίλους καὶ ὅπως ἂν ὧσιν ὡς πιθανώτατοι λέγειν· εἰ δὲ ἡμεῖς ἀληθῆ ὁμολογήκαμεν, ὧ Πῶλε, ἄρ' αἰσθάνη τὰ συμβαίνοντα ἐκ τοῦ λόγου; ἢ βούλει συλλογισώμεθα αὐτά;

ΠΩΛ. εἰ σοὶ γε ἄλλως δοκεῖ.³

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν συμβαίνει μέγιστον κακὸν ἢ ἀδικία καὶ τὸ [d] ἀδικεῖν;

up like Archelaus, according to you, and those other tyrants and orators and strong men of yours?"

Pol. "So it seems."

Soc. "For what these men, my best of fellows, have contrived is virtually the same thing as if a person wracked by the greatest of ailments should contrive to avoid paying the penalty to the physicians for his sins against his body, and avoid being treated by them, out of a childish fear of being cauterized or cut merely because it is painful. Would you agree with this?"

Pol. "I at least would."

Soc. "... yet ignorant all the while, as it seems, of what sort of thing the health and virtue of the body is. It may just be, given the agreements we have reached, that they would be doing the same sort of thing as those who seek acquittal from paying the penalty, Polus: looking at the pain involved but utterly blind to the benefit and ignorant of how much worse it is to be living and dwelling with an unhealthy soul than with an unhealthy body, a soul unsound and unjust and impious, which for its own part leads one to do everything he can to avoid paying the penalty and to avoid being released from the greatest evil, both by managing his money and his alliances, and by hoping to become as persuasive as possible at speaking. But if the agreements you and I have reached are true, do you see the upshots of our discussion? Or should we perhaps summarize them?"

Pol. "If you already plan to."

Soc. "Doesn't it turn out that the greatest evil is injustice and acting unjustly?"

1 ὥσπερ ἀνὴρ παῖς BTP : ὥσπερ ἂν εἴποις F Stob. : ὥσπερ ἂν εἴποις Y.

2 γε BTP Stob. : δὲ F.

3 σοὶ γε ἄλλως BTPWE3L et re vera F teste Dodds Olymp.[λ] : μὴ σοὶ γε ἄλλως YE3²L² : σοὶ γε coni. Schanz.

ΠΩΛ. φαίνεται γε.

ΣΩ. καὶ μὴν ἀπαλλαγὴ γε ἐφάνη τούτου τοῦ κακοῦ
τὸ δίκην δίδοναι;

ΠΩΛ. κινδυνεύει.

ΣΩ. τὸ δέ γε μὴ δίδοναι ἐμμονὴ τοῦ κακοῦ;

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. δεύτερον ἄρα ἐστὶν τῶν κακῶν μεγέθει τὸ
ἀδικεῖν.¹ τὸ δὲ ἀδικοῦντα μὴ δίδοναι δίκην πάντων
μέγιστόν τε καὶ πρῶτον κακῶν πέφυκεν.

ΠΩΛ. ἔοικεν.

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν οὐ² περὶ τούτου, ὦ φίλε, ἡμφεσ-
βητήσαμεν, σὺ μὲν τὸν Ἀρχέλαον εὐδαιμονίζων τὸν τὰ
μέγιστα ἀδικοῦντα [e] δίκην οὐδεμίαν δίδοντα, ἐγὼ δὲ
τοῦναντίον οἰόμενος, εἴτε Ἀρχέλαος εἴτ' ἄλλος ἀνθρώπων
ὅστισοῦν μὴ δίδωσι δίκην ἀδικῶν, τούτῳ προσήκειν ἀθλίῳ
εἶναι διαφερόντως τῶν ἄλλων ἀνθρώπων, καὶ αἰεὶ τὸν
ἀδικοῦντα τοῦ ἀδικουμένου ἀθλιώτερον εἶναι καὶ τὸν
μὴδιδόντα δίκην τοῦ διδόντος; οὐ ταῦτ' ἦν τὰ ὑπ' ἐμοῦ
λεγόμενα;

ΠΩΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν ἀποδέδεικται ὅτι ἀληθὴ ἐλέγετο;

ΠΩΛ. φαίνεται.

Pol. "It seems so."

Soc. "But it became apparent that paying the
penalty is a release from this evil."

Pol. "Looks like it."

Soc. "Whereas not to pay the penalty is to abide
in the evil."

Pol. "Yes."

Soc. "The mere act of committing injustice is
therefore the second greatest of evils, though in the true
nature of things to do so without paying the penalty ranks
the first and greatest of evils."

Pol. "Seems so."

Soc. "Isn't this the very gravamen of our
disagreement, my friend, you admiring the happiness of
Archelaus as a doer of injustice who never paid a penalty;
and I thinking the opposite, that any man, whether
Archelaus or anyone you wish, who does not pay the
penalty after acting unjustly, can only expect to exceed
all other men in being badly off, and that always the man
who commits injustice is worse off than the man who has
it done to him, while the man who does not pay
the penalty is worse off than the man who does. *These*
were the things that were proposed by me, weren't they?"

Pol. "Yes."

Soc. "Does it now stand proved that the points
proposed are true?"

Pol. "Apparently."

1 τὸ ἀδικεῖν] τὸ ἀδικεῖν δίκην δίδοντα Stallb. : τὸ ἀδικοῦντα δίδοναι δίκην
coni. Hirschig.

2 οὖν οὐ FY : οὖν BTP.

[480] ΣΩ. εἶεν· εἰ οὖν δὴ ταῦτα ἀληθῆ, ὃ Πῶλε, τίς ἡ μεγάλη χρεία ἐστὶν τῆς ῥητορικῆς; δεῖ μὲν γὰρ δὴ ἐκ τῶν νῦν ὁμολογημένων αὐτὸν ἑαυτὸν μάλιστα φυλάττειν ὅπως μὴ ἀδικήσῃ, ὡς ἱκανὸν κακὸν ἔξοντα. οὐ γάρ;

ΠΩΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. ἐὰν δέ γε ἀδικήσῃ ἢ αὐτὸς ἢ ἄλλος τις ὧν ἂν κήδηται, αὐτὸν ἐκόντα ἰέναι ἐκεῖσε ὅπου ὡς τάχιστα δώσει δίκην, παρὰ τὸν δικαστὴν ὥσπερ παρὰ τὸν ἰατρὸν, [b] σπεύδοντα ὅπως μὴ ἐγχρονισθὲν τὸ νόσημα τῆς ἀδικίας ὑπουργὸν τὴν ψυχὴν ποιήσῃ καὶ ἀνίατον· ἢ πῶς λέγομεν,¹ ὃ Πῶλε, εἶπερ: τὰ πρότερον μένει ἡμῖν ὁμολογήματα; οὐκ ἀνάγκη ταῦτα ἐκείνοις οὕτω μὲν συμφωνεῖν, ἄλλως δὲ μή;

ΠΩΛ. τί γὰρ δὴ φῶμεν, ὃ Σώκρατες;

ΣΩ. ἐπὶ μὲν ἄρα τὸ ἀπολογεῖσθαι ὑπὲρ τῆς ἀδικίας τῆς αὐτοῦ ἢ γονέων ἢ ἐταίρων ἢ παιδῶν ἢ πατρίδος ἀδικούσης οὐ χρήσιμος οὐδὲν ἢ ῥητορικὴ ἡμῖν, ὃ Πῶλε, εἰ μὴ εἴ τις [c] ὑπολάβοι ἐπὶ² τούναντίον—κατηγορεῖν δεῖν μάλιστα μὲν ἑαυτοῦ, ἔπειτα δὲ καὶ τῶν οἰκείων καὶ τῶν ἄλλων ὃς ἂν ἀεὶ τῶν φίλων τυγχάνῃ ἀδικῶν, καὶ μὴ ἀποκρύπτεσθαι ἀλλ’ εἰς τὸ φανερόν ἄγειν τὸ ἀδίκημα, ἵνα δῶ δίκην καὶ ὑγιὲς γένηται, ἀναγκάζειν δὲ καὶ³ αὐτὸν καὶ

1 λέγομεν (i.e., *quid putamus?* – *quaerentis*) WPF : λέγωμεν (i.e., *quomodo dicamus?* *quid dicturi sumus?* – *deliberantis*) BT.

2 ἐπὶ BTPf : ἐπεὶ F.

3 δὲ καὶ BTWPf : τε F : τε καὶ *coni.* Heindorf.

Soc. (480) “Well then, if these things are true, Polus, wherein lies the great usefulness of oratory? For we have come to agree that one must first and foremost scrupulously avoid acting unjustly, oneself, recognizing that to do so in itself already constitutes quite enough trouble. No?”

Pol. “Quite so.”

Soc. “And that if a man does commit an injustice, whether himself or somebody else under his care, what he must do is voluntarily to betake himself to you-know-where, where he might be able to pay the penalty right away, just like going to a doctor, lest the illness being prolonged should make the soul fester and render it incurable. What else are we arguing than this, Polus, assuming of course that our earlier agreements stay put. Isn’t it necessarily true that drawing this conclusion is consistent with those earlier agreements, and drawing a different conclusion is not?”

Pol. “What indeed, then, Socrates, *are* we to assert?”

Soc. “Well, for mounting a defense of unjust behavior, whether one’s own or that of fathers or associates or children, or of the fatherland when it commits an injustice, oratory is of no use at all for you and me, Polus, unless if one should assume to the contrary that one must *prosecute*, in the first instance, oneself, and then one’s family members and any others that are friends who might at some point become involved in injustice, and seek not to conceal the unjust act but bring it into the light of day, so that one might pay the penalty and be healed; and to compel both oneself

τοὺς ἄλλους μὴ ἀποδειλιάειν ἀλλὰ παρέχειν μύσαντα εὖ καὶ¹
ἀνδρείως ὥσπερ τέμνειν καὶ κάειν ἱατρῷ, τὸ ἀγαθὸν καὶ
καλὸν διώκοντα, μὴ ὑπολογιζόμενον τὸ ἀλγινόν, ἐὰν μὲν
γε πληγῶν ἄξια ἡδίκηκώς [d] ἦ, τύπτειν παρέχοντα, ἐὰν δὲ
δεσμοῦ, δεῖν, ἐὰν δὲ ζημίας, ἀποτίνοντα, ἐὰν δὲ φυγῆς,
φεύγοντα, ἐὰν δὲ θανάτου, ἀποθνήσκοντα, αὐτὸν πρῶτον
ὄντα κατήγορον καὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ τῶν ἄλλων οἰκείων καὶ² ἐπὶ
τοῦτο χρώμενον τῇ ῥητορικῇ, ὅπως ἂν καταδήλων τῶν
ἀδικημάτων γιγνομένων ἀπαλλάττονται τοῦ μεγίστου
κακοῦ, ἀδικίας.³ φῶμεν οὕτως ἢ μὴ φῶμεν, ὦ Πῶλε; [e]

ΠΩΛ. ἄτοπα μὲν, ὦ Σώκρατες, ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ, τοῖς
μέντοι ἔμπροσθεν ἴσως σοι⁴ ὁμολογεῖται.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν ἢ κάκεῖνα⁵ λυτέον ἢ τάδε ἀνάγκη
συμβαίνειν;

ΠΩΛ. ναί, τοῦτό γε οὕτως ἔχει.

ΣΩ. τοὺναντίον δέ γε αὖ μεταβαλόντα, εἰ ἄρα δεῖ
τινα κακῶς ποιεῖν, εἴτ' ἐχθρὸν εἴτε ὄντιν οὖν, ἐὰν μόνον μὴ
αὐτὸς ἀδικῇται ὑπὸ τοῦ ἐχθροῦ—τοῦτο μὲν γὰρ
εὐλαβητέον—ἐὰν δὲ ἄλλον ἀδικῇ ὁ ἐχθρός, παντὶ τρόπῳ
παρασκευαστέον, καὶ [481] πράττοντα καὶ λέγοντα, ὅπως
μὴ δῶ δίκην μηδὲ ἔλθῃ παρὰ τὸν δικαστήν· ἐὰν δὲ ἔλθῃ,

1 μύσαντα εὖ καὶ F : μύσαντα καὶ BTPYW : μὴ μύσαντα εὖ καὶ *coni.*
Naber.

2 οἰκείων καὶ BTPW Ficinus : οἰκείων μὴ φειδόμενον ἀλλ' εἰ F : οἰκείων
ZN : οἰκείων καὶ μὴ φειδόμενον Z²ZaY.

3 ἀδικίας BTF : *om.* PW.

4 σοι] *secl.* Hirschig.

5 κάκεῖνα] 'κεῖνα *coni.* Hirschig.

and the others not to shrink in timidity but to step up and
grit their teeth and step forward with nobility and
bravery, as if they were to be cut or cauterized by a
physician, in pursuit of being good and admirable; and
were taking no account of the pain involved, whether it
be being beaten for having done something deserving of
stripes, or being imprisoned if that is the penalty, and
exile if exile is what one deserves or dying if it is death,
oneself being his own first accuser and that of his
relatives also, and using oratorical power for just this
purpose, so that by their unjust deeds becoming totally
visible they might achieve a release from the greatest of
all evils: injustice. Shall we declare this to be so, Polus,
or shall we not?"

Pol. "To my mind it's kooky, Socrates, though to
your mind it may well jibe with what came before."

Soc. "Isn't it necessary either to dissolve those
agreements, or else to accept that these entailments
necessary follow?"

Pol. "With that much I can agree."

Soc. "And to look at the other side of it, if one is
called upon to treat a man badly, whether an enemy or
anyone else – with the sole exception when oneself is
suffering injustice at this enemy's hands, in which case
he must worry about his own downside – but if instead it
is somebody else that his enemy is treating unjustly, in
that case one must use all means (481) available in
speech and in action to manage that he *not* pay the
penalty and *not* come before the judge. And if he does,

μηχανητέον ὅπως ἂν διαφύγη καὶ μὴ δῶ¹ δίκην ὁ ἐχθρός, ἀλλ' ἐάντε χρυσίον ἥρπακὼς ἦ² πολὺ, μὴ ἀποδιδῶ τοῦτο ἀλλ' ἔχων ἀναλίσκηται³ καὶ εἰς ἑαυτὸν καὶ εἰς τοὺς ἑαυτοῦ ἀδίκως καὶ ἀθέως, ἐάντε αὖ⁴ θανάτου ἄξια ἡδίκηκὼς ἦ, ὅπως μὴ ἀποθανεῖται, μάλιστα μὲν μηδέποτε, ἀλλ' ἀθάνατος ἔσται πονηρὸς ὢν, εἰ δὲ μὴ, ὅπως ὡς [b] πλεῖστον χρόνον βιώσεται τοιοῦτος ὢν. ἐπὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ, ὦ Πῶλε, ἡ ῥητορικὴ χρήσιμος εἶναι, ἐπεὶ τῷ γε μὴ μέλλοντι ἀδικεῖν οὐ μεγάλη τίς μοι δοκεῖ ἡ χρεία αὐτῆς εἶναι, εἰ δὴ καὶ ἔστιν τις χρεία, ὡς ἔν γε τοῖς πρόσθεν οὐδαμῇ ἐφάνη οὕσα.

ΚΑΛΛΙΚΛΗΣ. εἰπέ μοι, ὦ Χαιρεφῶν, σπουδάζει ταῦτα Σωκράτης ἢ παίζει;

ΧΑΙΡΕΦΩΝ. ἐμοὶ μὲν δοκεῖ, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, ὑπερφυῶς σπουδάζειν· οὐδὲν μέντοι οἶον τὸ αὐτὸν ἐρωτᾶν.

ΚΑΛ. νῆ τοὺς θεοὺς ἀλλ' ἐπιθυμῶ. εἰπέ μοι, ὦ Σώκρατες, [c] πότερόν σε φῶμεν⁵ νυνὶ⁶ σπουδάζοντα ἢ παίζοντα; εἰ μὲν γὰρ σπουδάζεις τε καὶ τυγχάνει ταῦτα ἀληθῆ ὄντα ἃ λέγεις, ἄλλο τι ἢ ἡμῶν ὁ βίος ἀνατετραμμένος ἂν εἴη τῶν ἀνθρώπων καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐναντία πράττομεν, ὡς ἔοικεν, ἢ ἃ δεῖ;

1 δῶ FT² : δῶη B : δῶη PT : δῶη Y.

2 ἦ (*post* ἥρπακὼς) YZaE3 : *om.* mss. : ἦ *ante* ἥρπακὼς *coni.* Schanz.

3 ἀναλίσκηται BTWFY : ἀναλίσκη τε W²P² : ἀναλίσκη *coni.* Dindorf.

4 αὖ FY : *om.* BTP.

5 φῶμεν] θῶμεν *coni.* Madvig.

6 νυνὶ BTP : νῦν F.

one must machinate that his enemy somehow escape judgment and get off without paying the penalty – instead, if he has stolen a lot of gold, that he not pay it back but keep it and spend it on himself and his people unjustly and impiously; and in turn that if he has committed misdeeds whose penalty is death that he not see his death but if possible will live forever as a base man, and if not that, at least live that sort of life just as long as possible. It is for these purposes, Polus, that oratory seems to me useful, seeing that for somebody who is not bent on injustice I'd say it's of no great use, if of any use at all – which at least our previous discussion has plainly shown it not to be.”

CALLICLES: “Tell me, Chaerephon, is Socrates serious in what he says or is he kidding?”

CHAEREPHON: “If you ask me he's dead serious – but ‘there's nothing like asking the man himself’!”

Call. “But Zeus be my witness, I'm really eager to. Tell me, Socrates, are we to say you are serious or joking in arguing this? For if you are serious and what you are saying ends up being the truth, the way we now live as people would be turned upside down, and likely everything we are doing is exactly the opposite of what we ought to be doing!”

→ ΣΩ. ὦ Καλλίκλεις, εἰ μή τι ἦν τοῖς ἀνθρώποις πάθος, τοῖς μὲν ἄλλοι· τι, τοῖς δὲ ἄλλοι· τι¹· τὸ αὐτό, ἀλλὰ τις ἡμῶν ἰδιόν· τι· ἔπασχεν πάθος· ἢ· οἱ ἄλλοι, οὐκ ἂν ἦν ῥάδιον· [d] ἐνδείξασθαι· τῷ· ἐτέρῳ· τὸ· ἑαυτοῦ· πάθημα· λέγω· δ' ἐννοήσας· ὅτι· ἐγὼ· τε· καὶ· σὺ· νῦν· τυγχάνομεν· ταυτόν· τι πεπονθότες, ἐρῶντε· δύο· ὄντε· δυοῖν· ἐκάτερος, ἐγὼ· μὲν Ἀλκιβιάδου· τε· τοῦ· Κλεινίου· καὶ· φιλοσοφίας, σὺ· δὲ· δυοῖν,² τοῦ· τε· Ἀθηναίων· δήμου· καὶ· τοῦ· Πυριλάμπους· αἰσθάνομαι οὖν· σου· ἐκάστοτε, καίπερ· ὄντος· δεινοῦ, ὅ· τι· ἂν· φῆ³· σου· τὰ παιδικὰ· καὶ· ὅπως· ἂν· φῆ· ἔχειν, οὐ· δυναμένου· ἀντιλέγειν, ἀλλ'· ἄνω· [e]· καὶ· κάτω· μεταβαλλομένου· ἔν· τε· τῇ⁴ ἐκκλησίᾳ, ἐάν· τι· σοῦ· λέγοντος· ὁ· δῆμος· ὁ⁵· Ἀθηναίων· μὴ· φῆ οὕτως· ἔχειν, μεταβαλλόμενος· λέγεις· ἃ· ἐκεῖνος· βούλεται, καὶ· πρὸς· τὸν· Πυριλάμπους· νεανίαν· τὸν· καλὸν· τοῦτον τοιαῦτα· ἕτερα· πέπονθας· τοῖς· γὰρ· τῶν· παιδικῶν βουλευμάσιν⁶· τε· καὶ· λόγοις· οὐχ· οἷός· τ'· εἶ· ἐναντιοῦσθαι, ὥστε, εἰ· τίς· σου· λέγοντος· ἐκάστοτε· ἃ· διὰ· τούτους· λέγεις θαυμάζοι· ὡς· ἄτοπα· ἐστίν, ἴσως· εἴποις· ἂν· αὐτῷ, εἰ· βούλοιο τάληθῇ· λέγειν, ὅτι· εἰ· μή· τις· παύσει⁷· τὰ· [482]· σὰ· παιδικὰ τούτων· τῶν· λόγων, οὐδὲ· σὺ· παύσῃ⁸· ποτὲ· ταῦτα· λέγων. νόμιζε· τοίνυν· καὶ· παρ'· ἐμοῦ· χρῆναι· ἕτερα· τοιαῦτα· ἀκούειν, ¶

1 ἢ· BTF· ἢ· B· om. Themistius, ¶

2 δυοῖν· BTPF· om. Y. ¶

3 ὅ· τι· ἂν· φῆ· F· ὅ· τι· ὅπως· ἂν· φῆ· B· ὅ· τι· ὅπως· ἂν· ἀντιφῆ· TP· ὅ· τι· ἂν· τι· φῆ· Y· teste· Croiset· ὅ· τι· ὅπως· ἂν· φῆ· conl. Bekker· ὅ· τι· ἂν· ἀντιφῆ· Ast· ὅ· τι· secl. Hirschig. ¶

4 ἔν· τε· τῇ· BTPF· ἔν· τε· γὰρ· τῇ· Y· teste· Cantarín. ¶

5 ὁ· TPF· om. B. ¶

6 βουλευμάσιν· BT· βουλείμασι· PWF· βουλήμασιν· E3· Steph.· Ficinus[*voluntati*]· Aldine. ¶

7 παύσει· BTPW· teste· Cantarín· παύσῃ· F· teste· Cantarín· παύσειε· conl. Findeisen. ¶

8 παύσῃ· PWF· teste· Cantarín (Burnet· Dodds· Theiler· Cantarín)· παύσει· BT· teste· Cantarín (edd.). ¶

Soc. “Callicles, I have to say that if there were no certain experience undergone by men, some undergoing it for one thing and others for another thing or for the same, but instead some one of us underwent some private experience rather than that of the others, then it would not be at all easy for the one to describe what he was undergoing to the other. I say this recognizing that you and I do in fact undergo the same experience and feeling, both of us being in love, each with his own, I with Alcibiades and philosophy, and you with a pair of Demoses, the demos of the Athenians as well as Pyrilampes’ son. Just so I have often looked on and witnessed that whatever your beloved asserts – however he says things stand – clever man though you are, I see you powerless to contradict him but flip upside down and backwards however you must to suit him: in the assembly when you are making a case and the Demos of the Athenians denies that that’s how it is, you shift your position and say what *Demos ipse* wants, and you act the same way, *mutatis mutandis*, in the presence of the son of Pyrilampes, your beautiful boy. You just can’t oppose your beloved, whether in his counsels or in what he says, – and the result is that if someone on such an occasion were to express bewilderment as to how you could say things so strange at his behest, you would perhaps say to him – if you wanted to tell him the truth – that unless someone intervenes and causes your beloved to stop saying those things you aren’t going to stop saying them, either. (482) So believe likewise that you are hearing the same kind of thing from me: don’t

καὶ μὴ θαύμαζε ὅτι ἐγὼ ταῦτα λέγω, ἀλλὰ τὴν φιλοσοφίαν, τὰ ἐμὰ παιδικά, παῦσον ταῦτα λέγουσαν. λέγει γάρ, ὃ φίλε ἐταῖρε, ἃ¹ νῦν ἐμοῦ ἀκούεις, καὶ μοί ἐστιν τῶν ἐτέρων παιδικῶν πολὺ ἥττον ἐμπληκτος.² ὁ μὲν γὰρ Κλεινίσιος οὗτος ἄλλοτε ἄλλων ἐστὶ λόγων, ἡ δὲ φιλοσοφία ἀεὶ³ [b] τῶν αὐτῶν, λέγει δὲ ἃ σὺ νῦν θαυμάζεις, παρήσθα δὲ καὶ αὐτὸς λεγομένοις. ἡ οὖν ἐκείνην ἐξέλεγξον, ὅπερ ἄρτι ἔλεγον, ὡς οὐ τὸ ἀδικεῖν ἐστὶν καὶ ἀδικοῦντα δίκην μὴ διδόναι ἀπάντων ἔσχατον κακῶν· ἡ εἰ τοῦτο ἐάσεις ἀνέλεγκτον, μὰ τὸν κύνα τὸν Αἰγυπτίων θεόν, οὗ σοι ὁμολογήσει Καλλικλῆς,⁴ ὃ Καλλίκλεις, ἀλλὰ διαφωνήσει ἐν ἅπαντι τῷ βίῳ. καίτοι ἔγωγε οἶμαι, ὃ βέλτιστε, καὶ τὴν λύραν μοι κρεῖττον εἶναι ἀνάρμοστον⁵ τε καὶ διαφωνεῖν, καὶ χορὸν ὃ χορηγοῖν, [c] καὶ πλείστους ἀνθρώπους μὴ ὁμολογεῖν μοι ἀλλ’ ἐναντία λέγειν μᾶλλον ἢ ἓνα ὄντα ἐμὲ ἐμαυτῷ ἀσύμφωνον εἶναι καὶ ἐναντία λέγειν.

ΚΑΛ. ὃ Σώκρατες, δοκεῖς⁶ νεανιεύεσθαι ἐν τοῖς λόγοις ὡς ἀληθῶς δημηγόρος ὢν· καὶ νῦν ταῦτα δημηγορεῖς ταῦτ’ ὁ παθόντος Πώλου πάθος ὅπερ Γοργίου κατηγορεῖ πρὸς σὲ παθεῖν. ἔφη γάρ που Γοργίαν ἐρωτώμενον ὑπὸ σοῦ, ἐὰν ἀφίκηται παρ’ αὐτὸν μὴ ἐπιστάμενος τὰ δίκαια ὁ τὴν ῥητορικὴν [d] βουλόμενος

express bewilderment at what I am saying, but instead intervene and cause philosophy, my beloved, to stop saying them. For she it is who is saying what you have just heard, my friend and fellow, and she is a good deal less excitable than my other beloved. That son of Cleinias is of different minds at different times, but philosophy’s arguments are always the same, and just now you express surprise at the things she says though you yourself were present while they were being argued. So either defeat her in what I argued with Polus just now by arguing that it is not true that doing injustice and that not paying the penalty for acting unjustly is the ultimate of all evils, or, if you allow this to stand unchallenged, then I aver by the Dog, that Egyptian god, that Callicles will not agree with you, Callicles, but will be in disharmony every day of his life. Yet to my mind, my best of men, it is better for me that my lyre be poorly tuned and play discordantly – and a chorus, too, if ever I should lead one – and that the vast majority of men not be agreeing with me but hold the opposite position, than for me who am but one man to be out of harmony with myself and to be arguing contradictories.”

Call. “Socrates! You come across as playing the virtuoso in your way of arguing, making a real public speaker of yourself! Here you are, playing it up to the crowd that Polus is undergoing the same experience he criticized Gorgias for undergoing in his conversation with you. Polus said, didn’t he, that when Gorgias was asked by you whether, when a student who wants to learn oratory arrives for instruction having no knowledge of

8 παύση PWF *teste* Cantarín (Burnet Dodds Theiler Cantarín) : παύσει BT *teste* Cantarín (edd.).

1 ἃ BF (Routh Bekker Burnet Theiler) : ἀεὶ ἃ TPWYf Olymp [λ et σ] Ficinus (edd.).

2 ἐμπληκτος] ἐκβλητος γρ. B² γρ. W² Olymp. [λ].

3 ἀεὶ ZaYx2 *teste* Cantarín Olymp. [π] Ficinus [*semper*] : εἰ F : om. BTP.

4 Καλλικλῆς TWPF Olymp. [λ et σ] : Καλλικλῆ B.

5 ἀνάρμοστον] ἀναρμωστῆν *coni.* Heusde.

6 δοκεῖς BTP : δοκεῖς μοι F Olymp. [λ].

μαθεῖν, εἰ διδάξοι¹ αὐτὸν ὁ Γοργίας, αἰσχυνοῦναι αὐτὸν καὶ φάναι διδάξειν διὰ τὸ ἔθος τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὅτι ἀγανακτοῖεν ἂν εἴ τις μὴ φαίη—διὰ δὴ ταύτην τὴν ὁμολογίαν ἀναγκασθῆναι ἐναντία αὐτὸν αὐτῷ εἰπεῖν, σὲ δὲ αὐτὸ τοῦτο ἀγαπᾶν—καὶ σου κατέγελα,² ὥς γ' ἐμοὶ δοκεῖν ὀρθῶς, τότε· νῦν δὲ πάλιν αὐτὸς ταῦτόν τοῦτο ἔπαθεν. καὶ ἔγωγε κατ' αὐτὸ τοῦτο οὐκ ἄγαμαι Πῶλον, ὅτι σοι συνεχώρησεν τὸ ἀδικεῖν αἰσχίον εἶναι τοῦ ἀδικεῖσθαι· ἐκ [e] ταύτης γὰρ αὖ τῆς ὁμολογίας αὐτὸς ὑπὸ σοῦ συμποδισθεὶς ἐν τοῖς λόγοις ἐπεστομίσθη, αἰσχυνοῦναι ἃ ἐνόει εἰπεῖν. σὺ γὰρ τῷ ὄντι, ὦ Σώκρατες, εἰς τοιαῦτα ἄγεις φορτικὰ καὶ δημηγορικά, φάσκων τὴν ἀλήθειαν διώκειν, ἃ φύσει μὲν οὐκ ἔστιν καλὰ, νόμῳ δέ. ὥς τὰ πολλὰ δὲ ταῦτα ἐναντί' ἀλλήλοις ἐστίν, ἥ τε φύσις καὶ ὁ νόμος· ἐὰν οὖν τις αἰσχύνηται [483] καὶ μὴ τολμᾷ λέγειν ἅπερ νοεῖ, ἀναγκάζεται ἐναντία λέγειν. ὃ δὴ καὶ σὺ τοῦτο τὸ σοφὸν κατανενοηκῶς κακουργεῖς ἐν τοῖς λόγοις, ἐὰν μὲν τις κατὰ νόμον λέγη, κατὰ³ φύσιν ὑπερωτῶν, ἐὰν δὲ τὰ τῆς φύσεως, τὰ τοῦ νόμου. ὥσπερ αὐτίκα ἐν τούτοις, τῷ ἀδικεῖν τε καὶ τῷ ἀδικεῖσθαι, Πώλου

1 διδάξοι BTvatΓJ *teste* Cantarín : διδάξει E2E3ZaNFlo. *teste* Cantarín Steph.

2 κατεγέλα (D5) F Ficinus [*tunc ... irrisit*], *coniecerat* Cornarius : καταγελάων BTPf || ὥς γ' ἐμοὶ *coni.* Hirschig : ὥς γέ μοι mss.

3 κατὰ (*bis*) BTWP : τὰ κατὰ *bis* F : κατὰ ... τὰ κατὰ Y Steph.

justice, whether Gorgias would instruct him, that he was shamed into saying that he *would* instruct him, simply because this is the way people act and people would hold it against him if he said he would not – that once he had agreed to this he was forced into contradicting himself, that this is all you are trying to bring about – and he ridiculed you for it – correctly, as I at least thought at the time. And this time he himself is undergoing this same experience all over again, and I am less than pleased with Polus over this, that he yielded to your suggestion that doing injustice is uglier than undergoing it. Once he agreed to that, it was his turn to become ensnared in the nets of your argument and be reduced to silence, ashamed to say what he plainly sees in his mind. You really do force the argument into such crass and demagogical notions, Socrates, though you claim you are pursuing the truth of the matter, in particular into this notion of what by nature is not admirable though admirable by convention. Most of the time these things are contrary to each other, nature and convention, so anytime someone out (483) of shame does not dare say what he thinks and knows, he is compelled to contradict himself. Just so you, having mastered this paltry trick, are cheating in your way of talking. Whenever someone says something according to convention, you ask a question tacitly aimed at what is according to nature; and if he talks nature you talk convention. So it is in the present case, the case of committing injustice and suffering it: when Polus was

τὸ κατὰ νόμον αἴσχιον λέγοντος, σὺ τὸν νόμον¹ ἐδιώκαθες² κατὰ φύσιν.³

φύσει μὲν γὰρ πᾶν⁴ αἴσχιόν ἐστιν ὅπερ καὶ κάκιον, τὸ ἀδικεῖσθαι, νόμῳ δὲ τὸ ἀδικεῖν. οὐδὲ [b] γὰρ ἀνδρὸς τοῦτό γ' ἐστὶν τὸ πάθημα, τὸ ἀδικεῖσθαι, ἀλλ' ἀνδραπόδου τινὸς ὃ κρεῖττόν ἐστιν τεθνάναι ἢ ζῆν, ὅστις ἀδικούμενος καὶ προπηλακιζόμενος μὴ οἷός τέ ἐστιν αὐτὸς αὐτῷ βοηθεῖν μηδὲ ἄλλῳ οὐ ἂν κήδηται.⁵ ἀλλ' οἶμαι οἱ τιθέμενοι τοὺς νόμους οἱ ἀσθενεῖς ἀνθρωποὶ εἰσιν καὶ οἱ πολλοί. πρὸς αὐτοὺς οὖν καὶ τὸ αὐτοῖς συμφέρον τοὺς τε νόμους τίθενται καὶ τοὺς ἐπαίνους ἐπαινοῦσιν καὶ τοὺς [c] ψόγους ψέγουσιν· ἐκφοβοῦντες⁶ τοὺς ἐρρωμενεστέρους τῶν ἀνθρώπων καὶ δυνατοὺς ὄντας πλεόν ἔχειν, ἵνα μὴ αὐτῶν πλεόν ἔχωσιν, λέγουσιν⁷ ὡς αἰσχροὺς καὶ ἄδικον τὸ πλεονεκτεῖν, καὶ τοῦτό ἐστιν τὸ ἀδικεῖν, τὸ πλεόν τῶν ἄλλων ζητεῖν ἔχειν· ἀγαπῶσι γὰρ οἶμαι αὐτοὶ ἂν τὸ ἴσον ἔχωσιν φαυλότεροι ὄντες. διὰ ταῦτα δὴ νόμῳ μὲν τοῦτο ἄδικον καὶ αἰσchrὸν λέγεται, τὸ πλεόν ζητεῖν ἔχειν τῶν πολλῶν, καὶ ἀδικεῖν αὐτὸ καλοῦσιν· ἡ δέ γε οἶμαι φύσις αὐτὴ ἀποφαίνει [d] αὐτό,⁸ ὅτι δίκαιόν ἐστιν τὸν ἀμείνω τοῦ

1 αἴσχιον λέγοντος, σὺ τὸν νόμον F (*sed αἰσchrὸν pro αἴσχιον legens*) T *teste* Cantarin : νόμον [*solum*] BPW *teste* Cantarin : λόγον (*pro* νόμον) *coni.* Riemann.

2 ἐδιώκαθες BTW : ἐδίωκες FB²T²W².

3 κατὰ φύσιν BW : τὸ κατὰ φύσιν P : *om.* T.

4 πᾶν αἴσχιον TP *teste* Cantarin : παναἴσχιον BPW *teste* Cantarin : πᾶσιν αἴσχιον *coni.* Stallb. || τὸ ἀδικεῖσθαι mss. : *secl.* Rückert Dobree Cobet : <οἷον> ἀδικεῖσθαι Ficinus [*quale*] *coni.* Heindorf Dodds : *lacunam ante* ἀδικεῖσθαι *statuit* Steph. Cobet Schanz.

5 οὐ BPWF : ὃ T.

6 ἐκφοβοῦντες] ἐκφοβοῦντές τε YZa *teste* Cantarin.

7 λέγουσιν] *secl.* Hermann.

8 ἀποφαίνει αὐτό BTPF : ἀποφαίνει ἂν Y : ἀποφαίνει αὐ V : ἀποφαίνοι ἂν XE² *teste* Cantarin Steph.

saying which is more shameful and ugly according to convention, you attacked the convention according to nature.

“For by nature it is entirely uglier, besides being worse, to undergo injustice, though by convention uglier to commit it. For indeed to suffer this lies not in store for anyone who is a real man – to undergo injustice – but for a man in chains, who would be better off dead than alive: the sort who though wronged and besmirched hasn’t the resources to do anything for himself nor for anyone under his care. But as to law, let me tell you the people that make the laws are the weak men, the many. It is with an eye to themselves and their advantage that they write their laws, praise what they praise, and blame what they blame: In order to deter those who are the more vigorous of mankind and able to have upper hand, lest they have the upper hand over *them*, they make their case that it is shameful and unjust to have more, that this is the essence of injustice, to seek to have more than the rest – for they are satisfied for themselves – I’ll say it – if they have ‘equality,’ given the fact that they are inferior. And so by convention this is said to be unjust and shameful – seeking to be better off than the many – and they call the act a crime. But regardless, nature herself makes plain the facts: It is *just* that the better have more than the worse,

χείρονος πλέον ἔχειν καὶ τὸν δυνατώτερον τοῦ ἀδυνατωτέρου, δηλοῖ δὲ ταῦτα πολλαχοῦ ὅτι οὕτως ἔχει, καὶ ἐν τοῖς ἄλλοις ζώοις καὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἐν ὅλαις ταῖς πόλεσι καὶ τοῖς γένεσιν, ὅτι οὕτω τὸ δίκαιον κέκριται, τὸν κρείττω τοῦ ἥττονος ἄρχειν καὶ πλέον ἔχειν. ἐπεὶ ποίῳ δικαίῳ χρώμενος Ξέρξης ἐπὶ τὴν Ἑλλάδα ἐστράτευσεν ἢ ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ Σκύθας; ἢ [e] ἄλλα μυρία ἂν τις ἔχοι τοιαῦτα λέγειν. ἀλλ' οἶμαι οὗτοι κατὰ φύσιν τὴν τοῦ δικαίου¹ ταῦτα πράττουσιν, καὶ ναὶ μὰ Δία κατὰ νόμον γε τὸν τῆς φύσεως, οὐ μέντοι ἴσως κατὰ τοῦτον ὃν ἡμεῖς τιθέμεθα, πλάττοντες τοὺς βελτίστους καὶ ἐρρωμενεστάτους ἡμῶν αὐτῶν, ἐκ νέων λαμβάνοντες, ὥσπερ λέοντας, κατεπάδοντές² τε καὶ γοητεύοντες καταδουλούμεθα [484] λέγοντες³ ὡς τὸ ἴσον χρὴ ἔχειν καὶ τοῦτό ἐστιν τὸ καλὸν καὶ τὸ δίκαιον. ἐὰν δέ γε οἶμαι φύσιν ἱκανὴν γένηται ἔχων ἀνὴρ, πάντα ταῦτα ἀποσεισάμενος καὶ διαρρήξας καὶ διαφυγὼν,⁴ καταπατήσας τὰ ἡμέτερα γράμματα⁵ καὶ μαγγανεύματα καὶ ἐπωδὰς καὶ νόμους τοὺς παρὰ φύσιν ἅπαντας, ἐπαναστὰς ἀνεφάνη δεσπότης ἡμέτερος ὁ δοῦλος, καὶ ἐνταῦθα [b] ἐξέλαμψεν τὸ τῆς φύσεως δίκαιον. δοκεῖ δέ μοι καὶ Πίνδαρος ἅπερ ἐγὼ λέγω ἐνδείκνυσθαι ἐν τῷ ᾄσματι ἐν ᾧ λέγει ὅτι

νόμος ὁ πάντων βασιλεὺς
θνατῶν τε καὶ ἀθανάτων·

οὗτος δὲ δὴ, φησὶν

1 τὴν τοῦ δικαίου] *secl.* Schleiermacher.

2 κατεπάδοντες] καὶ κατεπάδοντες E *teste* Cantarín Steph.

3 λέγοντες] *secl.* Cobet.

4 καὶ διαφυγὼν BTPF : καὶ διαφυγὼν καὶ E3S2YV : διαφυγὼν *secl.* Naber : καὶ διαφυγὼν *secl.* Morstadt.

5 γράμματα] *περιάμματα coni.* Valckenaer : *πλάσματα coni.* Cobet : *ἀγγεῦματα coni.* Theiler : *γοητεύματα coni.* Richards.

and the more able than the less able. She shows this not only in the animal realm but the human also, among whole cities and among the races of mankind, that this is how justice is determined: the stronger rules over and is better off than the weaker. Since what kind of justice did Xerxes employ when he brought his army against Hellas, or his father against the Scythians, or thousands of other such cases one could speak of along these same lines. Anyway, my sense is that these men did these things in accordance with nature, the nature of the just – indeed, by Zeus, in accordance with the *law* of nature, if you will, but not, you may be sure, in accordance with the law that *we* institute, molding the noblest men like clay, the most vigorous in our midst, taking charge of them from their youth like young lions; by singing incantations and magic spells over them we enslave them to believe (484) the story that equality must be the rule and this is what is the fine and the just. But mark you if ever a man is born with an adequate endowment from nature, shaking all that off and breaking it down and eluding it and trampling under foot our edicts, our charms, our incantations, and our laws, each of them contrary to nature, then *Voilà!* he who was our slave arises now as our master, and embodied in him, right then and there, the justice of nature bursts into the light!

“Our Pindar is evincing the same thing in his poem where he says,

*It is law that is the king of all,
Of mortals and immortals alike.*

It is this supernal king-law, he says, that

ἄγει βιαίῳ τὸ δικαιότατον¹
ὑπερτάτῃ χειρί· τεκμαίρομαι
ἔργοισιν Ἡρακλέους, ἐπεὶ ...

‘ἀπριάτας’ ... λέγει οὕτω πως—τὸ γὰρ ἄσµα οὐκ ἐπίσταται
—λέγει δ’ ὅτι οὔτε πριάμενος οὔτε δόντος τοῦ Γηρυόνου
ἠλάσατο τὰς βοῦς, [c] ὡς τούτου ὄντος τοῦ δικαίου φύσει,
καὶ βοῦς καὶ ἄλλα κτήματα εἶναι πάντα τοῦ βελτίονός τε
καὶ κρείττονος τὰ τῶν χειρόνων τε καὶ ἡττόνων.

τὸ μὲν οὖν ἀληθὲς οὕτως ἔχει, γνώση δέ, ἂν ἐπὶ τὰ
μείζω ἔλθῃς ἐάσας ἤδη φιλοσοφίαν. φιλοσοφία γάρ τοι
ἐστίν, ὦ Σώκρατες, χαρίεν, ἂν τις αὐτοῦ μετρίως ἄνηται ἐν
τῇ ἡλικίᾳ· ἐὰν δὲ περαιτέρω τοῦ δέοντος ἐνδιατρίψῃ,
διαφθορὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων. ἐὰν γὰρ καὶ πάνυ εὐφυὴς ᾖ καὶ
πόρρω τῆς ἡλικίας φιλοσοφῇ, ἀνάγκη πάντων ἄπειρον
γεγονέναι [d] ἐστὶν ὧν χρὴ ἔμπειρον εἶναι τὸν μέλλοντα
καλὸν καὶ ἀγαθὸν καὶ εὐδόκιμον² ἔσεσθαι ἄνδρα. καὶ γὰρ τῶν
νόμων ἄπειροι γίνονται τῶν κατὰ τὴν πόλιν, καὶ τῶν
λόγων οἷς δεῖ χρῶμενον ὁμιλεῖν ἐν τοῖς συμβολαίοις τοῖς
ἀνθρώποις καὶ ἰδίᾳ καὶ δημοσίᾳ, καὶ τῶν ἡδονῶν τε καὶ
ἐπιθυμιῶν τῶν ἀνθρωπείων, καὶ συλλήβδην τῶν ἡθῶν
παντάπασις ἄπειροι γίνονται. ἐπειδὴ οὖν ἔλθωσιν εἰς
τινα ἰδίαν ἢ πολιτικὴν [e] πράξιν, καταγέλαστοι γίνονται,
ὥσπερ γε οἶμαι οἱ πολιτικοί, ἐπειδὴ αὖ εἰς τὰς ὑμετέρας
διατριβὰς ἔλθωσιν καὶ τοὺς λόγους, καταγέλαστοί εἰσιν.
συμβαίνει γὰρ τὸ τοῦ Εὐριπίδου· λαμπρός τέ ἐστιν ἕκαστος
ἐν τούτῳ, “καὶ ἐπὶ τούτ’ ἐπείγεται,”

1 ἄγει βιαίῳ τὸ δικαιότατον BTWPF Ξ1 X² : ἄγει βιαίως τὸ δικαιότατον
QbEZa : βιαίῳ τὸ δικαιότατον Ξ1² : βιαίως τὸ δίκαιον Ficinus [~ ius
[agere] violenter] : ἄγει δικαίων τὸ βιαίότατον Aristides et schol. ad
Nem.9.35 : ἄγειν δικαιοῖ τὸ βιαίότατον coni. Croiset.

2 εὐδόκιμον TWF Gellius : εὐδαίμον’ B.

*Achieves the most just of forceful deeds
With insuperable hand. My witness is
The deeds of Heracles, since ...*

... ‘unpurchased ...’ something like this: I don’t know
the poem by heart. What he means is that Heracles led off
the oxen without paying for them and without Geryon
giving them to him, believing that what is just according
to nature is this: that oxen and all other possessions that
belong to those who are worse and weaker belong to the
nobler and stronger man.

“Now that’s the truth of the matter, and you will
come to recognize it if you move on to bigger things and
finally say goodbye to philosophy. I grant you it is a
pleasant enough thing, Socrates, if one takes it on in a
moderate way during youth. But if one gets more deeply
involved in it than one ought it becomes the ruin of men.
For even if one is well endowed by nature and
philosophizes beyond his youth, it is inevitable that he
will come out unfamiliar with all the things one ought to
be familiar with if he is to become a good and fine man,
and a reputable man. For instance, they show up
unfamiliar with the laws of their city, and with the ways
of speaking that a man must employ when relating to the
people in negotiating agreements both private and public,
and with the pleasures and desires of people, and to put it
generally they prove to be utterly unfamiliar with range
of human personalities. So when they enter into some
private or public action they come off laughable, just as I
daresay that political men, conversely, if they go into the
kind of activity and conversations of you and yours, also
come off laughable. What Euripides says is right on
point, each man is brilliant in this, and ‘hastens toward
this,’

νέμων τὸ πλεῖστον ἡμέρας τούτῳ μέρος,
ἵν' αὐτὸς αὐτοῦ τυγχάνει βέλτιστος ὢν·

[485] ὅπου δ' ἂν φαῦλος ᾖ, ἐντεῦθεν φεύγει καὶ λοιδορεῖ τοῦτο, τὸ δ' ἕτερον ἐπαινεῖ, εὐνοία τῇ ἑαυτοῦ, ἡγούμενος οὕτως αὐτὸς ἑαυτὸν ἐπαινεῖν. ἀλλ' οἶμαι τὸ ὀρθότατον ἐστὶν ἀμφοτέρων μετασχεῖν. φιλοσοφίας μὲν ὅσον παιδείας χάριν καλὸν μετέχειν, καὶ οὐκ αἰσχρὸν μεираκίῳ ὄντι φιλοσοφεῖν· ἐπειδὴ δὲ ἤδη πρεσβύτερος ὢν ἄνθρωπος ἔτι φιλοσοφῇ, καταγέλαστον, ὃ Σώκρατες, τὸ χρῆμα γίγνεται, καὶ ἔγωγε [b] ὁμοιότατον πάσχω πρὸς τοὺς φιλοσοφοῦντας ὥσπερ πρὸς τοὺς ψελλιζομένους καὶ παίζοντας.¹ ὅταν μὲν γὰρ παιδίον ἴδω, ὃ ἔτι προσήκει διαλέγεσθαι² οὕτω, ψελλιζόμενον καὶ παίζον,³ χαίρω τε καὶ χαρίεν μοι φαίνεται καὶ ἐλευθέριον καὶ πρέπον τῇ τοῦ παιδίου ἡλικίᾳ, ὅταν δὲ σαφῶς διαλεγόμενον παιδαρίου ἀκούσω, πικρὸν τί μοι δοκεῖ χρῆμα εἶναι καὶ ἀνιᾶ μου τὰ ὧτα καὶ μοι δοκεῖ δουλοπρεπές τι εἶναι· ὅταν δὲ [c] ἄνδρὸς ἀκούσῃ τις ψελλιζόμενον ἢ παίζοντα ὁρᾷ, καταγέλαστον φαίνεται καὶ ἄνθρωπον καὶ πληγῶν ἄξιον. ταῦτόν οὖν ἔγωγε τοῦτο πάσχω καὶ πρὸς τοὺς φιλοσοφοῦντας. περὶ νέῳ⁴ μὲν γὰρ μεираκίῳ ὁρῶν φιλοσοφίαν ἄγαμαι, καὶ πρέπειν μοι δοκεῖ, καὶ ἡγοῦμαι ἐλευθερόν τινα εἶναι τοῦτον τὸν ἄνθρωπον, τὸν δὲ μὴ φιλοσοφοῦντα ἀνελεύθερον καὶ⁵ οὐδέποτε οὐδενὸς ἀξιῶσοντα ἑαυτὸν οὔτε καλοῦ οὔτε γενναίου [d] πράγματος· ὅταν δὲ δὴ πρεσβύτερον ἴδω ἔτι φιλοσοφοῦντα

1 τοὺς ψελλιζομένους καὶ παίζοντας] *secl.* Morstadt || καὶ παίζον *et* ἢ παίζοντα ὁρᾷ *secl.* Morstadt.

2 ὃ ἔτι προσήκει διαλέγεσθαι] *secl.* Hirschig.

3 ψελλιζόμενον καὶ παίζον] *secl.* Cobet : παίζειν *pro* παίζον *coni.* Heindorf.

4 περὶ νέῳ] : παρὰ E1E2Steph. Ficinus [*in*] : πέρι B.

5 καὶ BTP : τινα εἶναι καὶ F.

... devoting most of his day
Where as chance has it he is more noble than himself.

(485) But where he is meagre, thence does he flee, and casts aspersions on it, but praises the alternative instead, out of self-serving goodwill, thinking that in doing this he is praising himself. Regardless, my sense is that the most proper thing is to have a share in both: in philosophy, to the extent that it is part of education, it is good to have a share, and it is not shameful when one is a lad to philosophize; but when a person, once he has gotten older, continues to philosophize, the thing becomes laughable, Socrates. And for myself, my experience of those who philosophize is just like my experience of those who lisp and act like a child: when I see a young child whom it still befits to talk that way – lisping like a child – I enjoy it and it seems to me a charming thing and natural and appropriate to the child's time of life, whereas when I hear a little child conversing with clear articulation it is a bothersome thing to me, and it pains my ears and has something slavish and forced about it; but when one hears a grown man lisping or sees him acting childish, he finds him laughable and immature and needing to be slapped. And that's the way I feel about philosophers. In a strapping youth it makes me glad to see philosophy, and it seems appropriate to me, and I have the impression this is a freeman, while in contrast the one that does no philosophizing seems crabbed and lacking the ambition ever to pursue a fine or noble career. But when I see an older man still doing philosophy, not

καὶ μὴ ἀπαλλαττόμενον, πληγῶν μοι δοκεῖ ἤδη δεῖσθαι, ὦ Σώκρατες, οὗτος ὁ ἀνὴρ. ὁ γὰρ νυνδὴ ἔλεγον, ὑπάρχει τούτῳ τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ, κἂν πάνυ εὐφυῆς ᾦ, ἀνάνδρῳ γενέσθαι φεύγοντι τὰ μέσα τῆς πόλεως καὶ τὰς ἀγοράς, ἐν αἷς ἔφη ὁ ποιητῆς τοὺς ἀνδρας ἀριπρεπεῖς γίνεσθαι, καταδεδυκότι δὲ τὸν λοιπὸν βίον βιώνει μετὰ μειρακίων ἐν γωνίᾳ τριῶν ἢ [e] τεττάρων ψιθυρίζοντα, ἐλεύθερον δὲ καὶ μέγα καὶ ἱκανὸν¹ μηδέποτε φθέγγασθαι.

ἐγὼ δέ, ὦ Σώκρατες, πρὸς σὲ ἐπεικῶς ἔχω φιλικῶς.² κινδυνεύω οὖν πεπονθέναι νῦν ὅπερ ὁ Ζήθος πρὸς τὸν Ἀμφίονα ὁ Εὐριπίδου, οὐπερ ἐμνήσθην. καὶ γὰρ ἐμοὶ τοιαῦτ' ἅττα ἐπέρχεται πρὸς σὲ λέγειν, οἷάπερ ἐκεῖνος πρὸς τὸν ἀδελφόν, ὅτι “Ἀμελεῖς, ὦ Σώκρατες, ὧν δεῖ σε ἐπιμελεῖσθαι, καὶ φύσιν ψυχῆς ὧδε γενναίαν μειρακιώδει [486] τινὶ διατρέπεις³ μορφώματι, καὶ οὗτ' ἂν δίκης⁴ βουλαῖσι προσθεῖ' ἂν ὀρθῶς λόγον, οὗτ' εἰκὸς ἂν καὶ πιθανὸν ἂν λάβοις,⁵ οὐθ' ὑπὲρ ἄλλου νεανικὸν βούλευμα βουλεύσαιο.” καίτοι, ὦ φίλε Σώκρατες—καὶ μοι μηδὲν ἀχθεσθῆς· εὐνοία γὰρ ἐρῶ τῇ σῇ—οὐκ αἰσχρὸν δοκεῖ σοι εἶναι οὕτως ἔχειν ὥς ἐγὼ σὲ οἶμαι ἔχειν καὶ τοὺς ἄλλους τοὺς πόρρῳ ἀεὶ φιλοσοφίας ἐλαύνοντας; νῦν γὰρ εἴ τις σοῦ λαβόμενος ἢ ἄλλου ὁτουοῦν τῶν τοιούτων εἰς τὸ

1 καὶ ἱκανὸν] ἱκανὸν Findeisen : καὶ καλὸν *coni*. Coraes : καὶ νεανικὸν Heindorf : καὶ ἀνδρικόν Mistriotis : καὶ καὶνὸν Theiler.

2 φιλικῶς] καὶ φιλικῶς ΦΥ Steph.

3 διατρέπεις Grotius : διαπρέπεις BTPF Olymp.[λ] : διαστρέφεις *coni*. Valckenaer.

4 δίκης] δίκαις E Olymp.[λ].

5 εἰκὸς ἂν καὶ πιθανὸν ἂν λάβοις BTPf : εἰκὸς ἂν καὶ πιθανὸν ἀναλάβοις F : εἰκὸς καὶ πιθανὸν ἂν λάβῃς Γ2 E1 E2 Steph. : εἰκὸς ἂν καὶ πιθανὸν λάβοις Aug O1 *teste* Cantarín : εἰκὸς ἂν καὶ πιθανὸν λάκοις *coni*. Bonitz Stallb. Deuschle-Cron.

giving it up, at that point it is a whipping it seems to me he needs, Socrates, that man of yours. For as I was just saying, what's in store for that type, despite his inborn gifts, is to turn out less than a man, since he shuns the center of the city and its business, the places where 'the eminent' are turned out, as the poet says. Lying low instead, he lives the rest of his life with lads off in a corner, three or four of them murmuring nonsense, never to be heard giving a speech free, substantial, and adequate.

“Really, Socrates, I view you as something of a friend. And so I might find myself in the same position as Zethos toward Amphion in the Euripides passage I just mentioned. In fact the very sorts of things come to my mind to say to you as he said to his brother: You are neglecting, Socrates, the things you should be taking care of, and ‘the nature of a soul so noble as yours’ you are (486) ‘perverting into the form of a teenager’s’; and ‘you could not speak on the planning of justice, nor could you grasp what is likely’ and persuasive; nor ‘on behalf of another could you give inventive counsel.’ And yet, friend Socrates – and don’t be angry with me, for what I shall say is meant in all good will toward you alone – don’t you think it shameful to be the way I think you are, as is the case with any others that stay on too long in philosophy? For as you are, if somebody arrested you or any of the others like you and tried dragging you off to

δεσμοτήριον ἀπάγοι,¹ φάσκων ἀδικεῖν μηδὲν ἀδικοῦντα, οἷσθ' ὅτι οὐκ ἂν ἔχοις ὅτι **[b]** χρήσαιο σαυτῷ, ἀλλ' ἱλιγγίῳς ἂν καὶ χασμῷ οὐκ ἔχων ὅτι εἴποις, καὶ εἰς τὸ δικαστήριον ἀναβάς, κατηγοροῦ τυχὼν πάνυ φαύλου καὶ μοχθηροῦ, ἀποθάνοις ἂν, εἰ βούλοιο θανάτου σοι τιμᾶσθαι. καίτοι πῶς σοφὸν τοῦτό ἐστιν, ὃ Σώκρατες, “ἦτις εὐφυῇ λαβοῦσα τέχνη φῶτα ἔθηκε χείρονα,” μήτε αὐτὸν αὐτῷ δυνάμενον βοηθεῖν μηδ' ἐκσῶσαι ἐκ τῶν μεγίστων κινδύνων μήτε ἑαυτὸν μήτε ἄλλον μηδένα, ὑπὸ δὲ **[c]** τῶν ἐχθρῶν περισυλᾶσθαι πᾶσαν τὴν οὐσίαν, ἀτεχνῶς δὲ ἄτιμον ζῆν ἐν τῇ πόλει; τὸν δὲ τοιοῦτον, εἴ τι καὶ ἀγροικότερον εἰρηῇσθαι, ἔξεστιν ἐπὶ κόρρης τύπτοντα μὴ διδόναι δίκην. ἀλλ' ὦγαθέ, ἐμοὶ πείθου, “παῦσαι δὲ ἐλέγχων, πραγμάτων δ' εὐμουσίαν ἄσκει,” καὶ ἄσκει ὁπόθεν “δόξεις φρονεῖν”, “ἄλλοις τὰ κομψὰ ταῦτα ἀφείς” – εἴτε ληρήματα χρή φάναι εἶναι² εἴτε φλυαρίας – “ἐξ ὧν κenoῖσιν ἐγκατοικήσεις δόμοις”. ζηλῶν οὐκ ἐλέγχοντας ἄνδρας τὰ μικρὰ **[d]** ταῦτα, ἀλλ' οἷς ἔστιν καὶ βίος καὶ δόξα καὶ ἄλλα πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ.

ΣΩ. εἰ χρυσὴν ἔχων ἐτύγχανον τὴν ψυχὴν, ὃ Καλλίκλεις, οὐκ ἂν οἶμι με ἄσμενον εὐρεῖν τούτων τινὰ τῶν λίθων αἷ³ βασανίζουσιν τὸν χρυσόν, τὴν ἀρίστην, πρὸς ἣντινα ἔμελλον προσαγαγὼν αὐτήν, εἴ μοι ὁμολογήσειεν ἐκείνη καλῶς τεθεραπεῦσθαι τὴν ψυχὴν, ἥδη εὖ⁴ εἴσεσθαι ὅτι ἱκανῶς ἔχω καὶ οὐδέν με⁵ δεῖ⁶ ἄλλης βασάνου; **[e]**

ΚΑΛ. πρὸς τί δὴ τοῦτο ἐρωτᾷς, ὃ Σώκρατες;

1 ἀπάγοι BTPFY Philodemus : ἀπαγάγοι V.

2 εἶναι] *om.* E1 E2 : *secl.* Hirschig.

3 αἷ E2 : ἦ BTPf : ἦ F : αἷς *coni.* Stallb.

4 ἥδη εὖ F113 : εὖ BTWP.

5 με BTWF : μοι P *teste* Cantarín : μ' *coniecit seclutisque* Dodds.

6 δεῖ BTP : ἔτι δεῖ F.

prison on the claim you did some wrong though you didn't, face it: you would not be able to handle the situation, but would get all confused and sit there agape not knowing what in the world to say, and once you got up to the podium in the law court, even if you had drawn an accuser quite petty and base, you would be condemned to death if that were the penalty he preferred against you. And yet how can this be a wise thing, ‘some art that took hold of a man and made him a worse one,’ and made him unable to come to his own aid nor to rescue him or anybody else from the greatest of dangers, but instead to be stripped by his enemies of all his wealth and to live virtually disenfranchised in his city? A man like this, if I may cut to the chase, one can slap in the face and get away with it without being penalized. Nay rather, my good man, listen to me: ‘Put a stop to your cross-examinings!’ ‘Practice the great art of deeds!’ and practice what might make you seem sound of mind. ‘Leave these subtleties of yours to others!’ whether they are to be dubbed ravings or flights of nonsense, ‘leading you to inhabit an empty home’; emulate not men when they make these small points of yours but those who have a living, a reputation, and goods in abundance!”

Soc. “If my soul were made of gold, Callicles, don't you think I would be pleased to have found one of those stones that test for gold, in fact the best one, if when I applied it it would confirm for me that I have properly tended to my soul – then I would know for sure that I really am alright after all, and that I need no other sort of trial?”

Call. “What are you talking about?”

ΣΩ. ἐγὼ σοι ἐρῶ· νῦν οἶμαι ἐγὼ σοὶ ἐντετυχηκῶς τοιούτῳ ἐρμαίῳ ἐντετυχηκέναί.

ΚΑΛ. τί δῆ;

ΣΩ. εὖ οἶδ' ὅτι, ἃ ἂν¹ μοι σὺ ὁμολογήσης περὶ ὧν ἡ ἐμὴ ψυχὴ δοξάζει, ταῦτ' ἤδη ἐστὶν αὐτὰ τάληθῃ. ἐννοῶ γὰρ [487] ὅτι τὸν μέλλοντα βασανεῖν ἱκανῶς ψυχῆς περὶ ὀρθῶς τε ζώσης καὶ μὴ τρία ἄρα² δεῖ ἔχειν ἃ σὺ πάντα ἔχεις, ἐπιστήμην τε καὶ εὐνοίαν³ καὶ παρρησίαν. ἐγὼ γὰρ πολλοῖς ἐντυγχάνω οἱ ἐμὲ οὐχ οἷοί τέ εἰσιν βασανίζειν διὰ τὸ μὴ σοφοὶ εἶναι ὥσπερ σύ· ἕτεροι δὲ σοφοὶ μὲν εἰσιν, οὐκ ἐθέλουσιν δέ μοι λέγειν τὴν ἀλήθειαν διὰ τὸ μὴ κήδεσθαί μου ὥσπερ σύ· τὼ δὲ ξένῳ τῷδε, Γοργίας τε καὶ Πῶλος, σοφῶ μὲν καὶ [b] φίλῳ ἐστὸν ἐμῷ, ἐνδεεστερῶ δὲ παρρησίας καὶ αἰσχυνηροτέρῳ⁴ μᾶλλον τοῦ δέοντος· πῶς γὰρ οὐ; ὧ γε εἰς τοσοῦτον αἰσχύνῃς ἐληλύθατον, ὥστε διὰ τὸ αἰσχύνεσθαι τολμᾷ ἐκάτερος αὐτῶν αὐτὸς αὐτῷ ἐναντία λέγειν ἐναντίον πολλῶν ἀνθρώπων, καὶ ταῦτα περὶ τῶν μεγίστων. σὺ δὲ ταῦτα πάντα ἔχεις ἃ οἱ ἄλλοι οὐκ ἔχουσιν· πεπαιδευσαί τε γὰρ ἱκανῶς, ὥς πολλοὶ ἂν φήσαιεν Ἀθηναίων, καὶ ἐμοὶ εἴ εὖνους [c] – τίني τεκμηρίῳ χρῶμαι; ἐγὼ σοι ἐρῶ. οἶδα ὑμᾶς ἐγώ, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, τέτταρας ὄντας κοινωνοὺς γεγονότας σοφίας, σέ τε καὶ Τείσανδρον τὸν Ἀφιδναῖον καὶ Ἄνδρωνα τὸν Ἀνδροτίωνος καὶ Ναυσικύδην τὸν Χολαργέα· καὶ ποτε ὑμῶν ἐγὼ ἐπήκουσα⁵ βουλευομένων μέχρι ὅποι τὴν σοφίαν ἀσκητέον εἴη, καὶ

Soc. “I’ll tell you. I now think that in my encounter with *you* I have by coincidence encountered a thing of that sort!”

Call. “Huh?”

Soc. “I am sure that if ever *you* agree with me about what my soul is opining, then it is opining the very truth. I say this because I am thinking (487) that the person who intends to perform an adequate test of the soul, whether it is living properly or not, needs to have three things, of which I now realize, you have all: knowledge, good will, and frankness. In my experience I have encountered many who are unable to test me because of their not being wise –like you; but then others who are wise, alright, but are not willing to tell me the truth because they do not care about me – like you; and then these two visitors here, Gorgias and Polus, are wise enough and friendly enough toward me, but are lacking in frankness and are more modest than they should be. Who could deny it? They have come to such a peak of embarrassment that, emboldened by shame, they went so far as to make arguments contrary to their own thoughts in the presence of many people, and on the most important things, to boot! But when it comes to you, you have all the things one or the other of these lacks. Your education is sufficient, as many of the Athenians would vouch, and you are well disposed toward me – how do I know this? I will tell you: I know that the four of you, Callicles – you, Teisander of Aphidna, Andron the son of Androtion, and Nausikydes of Cholargos, have become colleagues in wisdom. One time I overheard you taking counsel with each other about how long one ought pursue the discipline of wisdom, and I know that the opinion that

1 ἃ ἂν E3² : ἂν BTPF : ἂν *coni.* Bekker Stallb.

2 τρία ἄρα BTPF Stob. : τριῖ ἄρα *scr.* Hirschig : τριῖ ἄττα *coni.* Thompson : ἄμα *coni.* Deuschle.

3 εὖνοίαν S2² : δόξαν BTPF Stob. Ficinus Steph.

4 αἰσχυνηροτέρῳ BTP : αἰσχυνηροτέρῳ F.

5 ἐπήκουσα BTWP : ὑπήκουσα F Ξ2 Par C Steph.

οἶδα ὅτι ἐνίκα ἐν ὑμῖν τοιάδε τις δόξα, μὴ προθυμεῖσθαι εἰς τὴν ἀκρίβειαν φιλοσοφεῖν, ἀλλὰ εὐλαβεῖσθαι [d] παρεκελεύεσθε ἀλλήλοις ὅπως μὴ πέρα τοῦ δέοντος σοφώτεροι γενόμενοι λήσετε διαφθαρέντες. ἐπειδὴ οὖν σου ἀκούω ταῦτα¹ ἐμοὶ συμβουλευόντος ἅπερ τοῖς σεαυτοῦ ἐταιροτάτοις, ἱκανόν μοι τεκμήριόν ἐστιν ὅτι ὡς ἀληθῶς μοι εὖνους εἶ. καὶ μὴν ὅτι γε οἷος παρρησιάζεσθαι καὶ μὴ αἰσχύνεσθαι, αὐτός τε φῆς καὶ ὁ λόγος ὃν ὀλίγον πρότερον ἔλεγες ὁμολογεῖ σοι. ἔχει δὴ οὕτως δῆλον ὅτι τούτων πέρι νυνὶ [e] ἐάν τι σὺ ἐν τοῖς λόγοις ὁμολογήσης μοι, βεβασανισμένον τοῦτ' ἤδη ἔσται ἱκανῶς ὑπ' ἐμοῦ τε καὶ σοῦ, καὶ οὐκέτι αὐτὸ δεήσει ἐπ' ἄλλην βάσανον ἀναφέρειν. οὐ γὰρ ἂν ποτε αὐτὸ συνεχώρησας σὺ οὔτε σοφίας ἐνδεία οὔτ' αἰσχύνης περιουσία,² οὐδ' αὖ ἀπατῶν ἐμὲ συγχωρήσας ἂν· φίλος γάρ μοι εἶ, ὡς καὶ αὐτὸς φῆς. τῷ ὄντι οὖν ἢ ἐμὴ καὶ ἢ σὴ ὁμολογία τέλος ἤδη ἔξει τῆς ἀληθείας.

πάντων δὲ καλλίστη ἐστὶν ἡ σκέψις, ᾧ Καλλίκλεις, περὶ τούτων ὧν σὺ δὴ μοι ἐπετίμησας, ποῖόν τινα χρὴ εἶναι τὸν ἄνδρα καὶ τί [488] ἐπιτηδεύειν καὶ μέχρι τοῦ, καὶ πρεσβύτερον καὶ νεώτερον ὄντα. ἐγὼ γὰρ εἶ τι μὴ ὀρθῶς πράττω κατὰ τὸν βίον τὸν ἐμαυτοῦ, εὖ ἴσθι τοῦτο ὅτι οὐχ ἐκὼν ἐξαμαρτάνω ἀλλ' ἀμαθία τῇ ἐμῇ· σὺ οὖν, ὥσπερ ἤρξω νοθετεῖν με, μὴ ἀποστῆς, ἀλλ' ἱκανῶς μοι ἐνδειξαι τί ἐστὶν τοῦτο ὃ ἐπιτηδευτέον μοι, καὶ τίνα τρόπον κτησαίμην³ ἂν αὐτό, καὶ ἐάν με λάβῃς νῦν μὲν σοι ὁμολογήσαντα, ἐν δὲ τῷ ὑστέρῳ χρόνῳ μὴ ταῦτα

1 ταῦτα BTP : ταῦτα ταῦτ' [sic] F teste Cantarín : ταῦτα Ficinus [idem].

2 περιουσία F : παρουσία BTPY.

3 κτησαίμην BTPF et Steph. in marg. : αἰτησαίμην W : ἐργασαίμην E3 Steph.

won the day among you was this: you encouraged each other not to pursue philosophizing to some refined degree, but rather to take care, as you became more and more wise, to avoid being destroyed unbeknownst. And so now, hearing as I do that the advice you are giving me is the very advice you reached with your closest companions, I have sufficient reason to believe you are truly well-disposed toward me. And that you are disposed to speak frankly and not be ashamed, you yourself declared, and the speech you just gave corroborates it. And so here is how these things stand at this time: If you reach agreement with me in conversation, the matter will then and there have undergone a sufficient test, carried out by the two of us, and there will be no further need to bring the question to some other test. For you could never have granted it out of a deficiency in wisdom nor out of an excess of shame, nor would you grant it out of deceiving me, for you are my friend as you yourself declare. And so, in truth, for you and me to agree will mean we've reached the truth.

“An inquiry on the very things you criticized in me is the finest inquiry of all. What kind of man is one to be? What should his pursuits be (488) and at what point in his life, when younger and when older? As to myself, if there is some way I am acting improperly in the course of my life, you can be sure of this, that I am erring not intentionally but out of my own damned ignorance. And as for you, just as you set out to correct me, don't leave it off but show me sufficiently well what it is that I should be trying to do, and how I might acquire it; and if you get me to agree with you today but later on find me not doing

πράττοντα ἅπερ ὁμολόγησα, πάνυ με ἡγοῦ βλαῖκα εἶναι καὶ [b] μηκέτι ποτέ με νοθετήσης ὕστερον, ὥς μηδενὸς ἄξιον ὄντα.

ἐξ ἀρχῆς δέ μοι ἐπανάλαβε πῶς φῆς τὸ δίκαιον ἔχειν καὶ σὺ καὶ Πίνδαρος τὸ κατὰ φύσιν; ἄγειν βία τὸν κρείττω τὰ τῶν ἡττόνων καὶ ἄρχειν τὸν βελτίω τῶν χειρόνων καὶ πλέον¹ ἔχειν τὸν ἀμείνω τοῦ φαυλοτέρου; μή τι ἄλλο λέγεις τὸ δίκαιον εἶναι, ἢ ὀρθῶς μέμνημαι;

ΚΑΛ. ἀλλὰ ταῦτα ἔλεγον καὶ τότε καὶ νῦν λέγω.

ΣΩ. πότερον δὲ τὸν αὐτὸν βελτίω καλεῖς σὺ καὶ κρείττω; [c] οὐδὲ γάρ τοι τότε οἶός τ' ἢ μαθεῖν σου τί ποτε λέγοις.² πότερον τοὺς ἰσχυροτέρους κρείττους καλεῖς καὶ δεῖ ἀκροᾶσθαι τοῦ ἰσχυροτέρου τοὺς ἀσθενεστέρους, οἷόν μοι δοκεῖς³ καὶ τότε ἐνδείκνυσθαι, ὥς αἱ μεγάλαι πόλεις ἐπὶ τὰς σμικρὰς κατὰ τὸ φύσει δίκαιον ἔρχονται, ὅτι κρείττους εἰσὶν καὶ ἰσχυρότεροι, ὥς τὸ κρείττον καὶ τὸ ἰσχυρότερον⁴ καὶ βέλτιον ταῦτόν⁵ ὄν, ἢ ἔστι βελτίω μὲν εἶναι, ἡττω δὲ καὶ ἀσθενέστερον, καὶ κρείττω μὲν εἶναι, μοχθηρότερον δέ· ἢ ὁ αὐτὸς [d] ὅρος ἐστὶν τοῦ βελτίονος καὶ τοῦ κρείττονος; τοῦτό μοι αὐτὸ σαφῶς διόρισον, ταῦτόν ἢ ἕτερόν ἐστιν τὸ κρείττον καὶ τὸ βέλτιον καὶ τὸ ἰσχυρότερον;

ΚΑΛ. ἀλλ' ἐγὼ σοι σαφῶς λέγω, ὅτι ταῦτόν ἐστιν.

the things I agreed to do, count me quite an imbecile and give me further correction never again, seeing as how I am unworthy of your efforts.

“Take the whole thing up from the beginning, for me: What do you say is the situation with justice, you and Pindar, this justice by nature? Is it just that the stronger man pillages by force the weaker men, and that the nobler man rules the inferior ones, and that the better man has more than the worse one? Maybe you said something else – or have I remembered correctly?”

Call. “No, that is what I *was* saying then, but also I say it now.”

Soc. “Let me ask, do you call the same man nobler as well as stronger? I ask because I didn’t get what you were saying at the time. Do you call the hardier men stronger, and say that obeying the hardier man is what the more feeble men must do, as I think you were trying to show when you said that the large cities march against the small cities ‘according to the just by nature’ – because they are stronger and hardier, thinking the stronger or hardier and the nobler are one and the same? Or is it possible for a man to be nobler and yet weaker and more feeble, or stronger and yet baser? Or is the extent of the nobler and the stronger one and the same? The line between them is what I need you clearly to draw: are they the same thing or different, the stronger and the nobler and the hardier?”

Call. “Nay, I say it loud and clear: they are the same.”

1 πλέον *coni.* Heindorf : πλειον BTP : πλείω F.

2 λέγοις F : λέγεις BTP.

3 δοκεῖς] ἐδόκεις *coni.* Coraes.

4 καὶ τὸ ἰσχυρότερον F : καὶ ἰσχυρότερον BTP.

5 βέλτιον ταῦτόν] τὸ βέλτιον ταῦτόν Dodds : βέλτιον *coni.* Theiler.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν οἱ πολλοὶ τοῦ ἐνὸς κρείττους εἰσὶν κατὰ φύσιν; οἱ δὲ καὶ τοὺς νόμους τίθενται ἐπὶ τῷ ἐνί, ὥσπερ καὶ σὺ ἄρτι ἔλεγες.

ΚΑΛ. πῶς γὰρ οὐ;

ΣΩ. τὰ τῶν πολλῶν ἄρα νόμιμα τὰ τῶν κρειπτόνων ἐστίν.

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε. [e]

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν τὰ τῶν βελτιόνων; οἱ γὰρ κρείττους βελτίους πολὺ¹ κατὰ τὸν σὸν λόγον.

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν τὰ τούτων νόμιμα κατὰ φύσιν καλά, κρειπτόνων γε ὄντων;

ΚΑΛ. φημί.

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὐν² οἱ πολλοὶ νομίζουσιν οὕτως, ὥς ἄρτι αὖ σὺ ἔλεγες, δίκαιον εἶναι τὸ ἴσον ἔχειν καὶ αἴσχιον τὸ ἀδικεῖν [489] τοῦ ἀδικεῖσθαι;

... ἔστιν ταῦτα ἢ οὐ; καὶ ὅπως μὴ ἀλώσῃ ἐνταῦθα σὺ αὖ³ αἰσχυρόμενος.

...νομίζουσιν ἢ οὐ οἱ πολλοὶ τὸ ἴσον ἔχειν ἀλλ' οὐ τὸ πλεόν δίκαιον εἶναι, καὶ αἴσχιον τὸ ἀδικεῖν τοῦ ἀδικεῖσθαι;

... μὴ φθόνει μοι ἀποκρίνασθαι τοῦτο, Καλλίκλεις,⁴ ἴν', ἐάν μοι ὁμολογήσῃς, βεβαιώσωμαι ἤδη παρὰ σοῦ, ἅτε ἱκανοῦ ἀνδρὸς διαγνῶναι ὁμολογηκότος.

1 πολὺ] *om.* Aug *coni.* Wilamowitz : *που coni.* Hermann : *πάλιν coni.* Coraes.

2 ἄρ' οὐν : ἄρ' οὐν οὐχ *ZaY teste* Cantarin.

3 αὖ F : *om.* BTP.

4 Καλλίκλεις] ὃ *add.* Hirschig.

Soc. “Are the many stronger than the one, according to nature? Those, that is, who in fact establish the laws that rule the individual, as you said just now?”

Call. “How could it be otherwise?”

Soc. “So the convened beliefs of the many are the convened beliefs of the powerful men?”

Call. “Quite so.”

Soc. “Thus the beliefs of the nobler men? For the stronger men are the nobler men by far according to your argument.”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “So the beliefs of these are fine according to nature, since they are they are the more powerful men?”

Call. “I affirm it.”

Soc. “Now is it the case that the many hold the following belief, as again you were saying a moment ago: that having an equal amount is what is just, and that committing injustice is more shameful than undergoing it? (489)

“... Is that the case or not? And take care that you don't take a turn at being caught by shame for your own part.

“... Do they believe it or not, the many, that having an equal amount rather than a greater is just, and that it is more shameful to commit than to undergo injustice?

“Callicles, don't begrudge me an answer, so that by your agreeing with me I might achieve confirmation by your witness, given that a man adequate at deciding will be on record agreeing!”

ΚΑΛ. ἀλλ' οἷ γε πολλοὶ νομίζουσιν οὕτως.

ΣΩ. οὐ νόμῳ ἄρα μόνον ἐστὶν αἴσχιον τὸ ἀδικεῖν τοῦ [b] ἀδικεῖσθαι, οὐδὲ δίκαιον τὸ ἴσον ἔχειν, ἀλλὰ καὶ φύσει· ὥστε κινδυνεύεις οὐκ ἀληθῆ λέγειν ἐν τοῖς πρόσθεν οὐδὲ ὀρθῶς ἐμοῦ κατηγορεῖν λέγων ὅτι ἐναντίον ἐστὶν ὁ νόμος καὶ ἡ φύσις, ἃ δὴ καὶ ἐγὼ γνοὺς κακουργῶ ἐν τοῖς λόγοις, ἐὰν μὲν τις κατὰ φύσιν λέγῃ, ἐπὶ τὸν νόμον ἄγων, ἐὰν δέ τις κατὰ νόμον, ἐπὶ τὴν φύσιν.

ΚΑΛ. οὐτοσί ἀνὴρ οὐ παύσεται φλυαρῶν. εἰπέ μοι, ὦ Σώκρατες, οὐκ αἰσχύνῃ τηλικούτος ὢν ὀνόματα θηρεύων, καὶ [c] ἐὰν τις ῥήματι ἀμάρτη, ἔρμαιον τοῦτο ποιούμενος; ἐμὲ γὰρ οἶει ἄλλο τι λέγειν τὸ κρεῖττους εἶναι ἢ τὸ βελτίους; οὐ πάλα σοι λέγω ὅτι ταυτὸν φημι εἶναι τὸ βέλτιον καὶ τὸ κρεῖττον; ἢ οἶει με λέγειν, ἐὰν συρφετὸς συλλεγῇ δούλων καὶ παντοδαπῶν ἀνθρώπων μηδενὸς ἀξίων πλὴν ἴσως τῷ σώματι ἰσχυρίσασθαι, καὶ οὗτοι φῶσιν, αὐτὰ¹ ταῦτα εἶναι νόμιμα;

ΣΩ. εἶεν, ὦ σοφώτατε Καλλίκλεις· οὕτω λέγεις;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ μὲν οὖν. [d]

ΣΩ. ἀλλ' ἐγὼ μὲν, ὦ δαιμόνιε, καὶ αὐτὸς πάλα τοπάζω τοιοῦτόν τί σε λέγειν τὸ κρεῖττον, καὶ ἀνερωτῶ

Call. “Nay, the many do believe that.”

Soc. “Then it is not only by convention that committing injustice is more shameful than undergoing it and having an equal amount is just, but by nature also. So that you just might not have been speaking the truth in what you said before, nor were justified in bringing the accusation against me, when you argued that convention and nature are opposite each other, that I was aware of this and was playing unfair in the conversation, when my partner was speaking of matters according to nature, in leading the discussion to matters according to convention, and when according to convention to matters according to nature.”

Call. “Will you look at this fellow! He just won’t stop spewing nonsense! Socrates, are you not ashamed to be chasing after words, at your age, and exploiting every opportunity to make hay of it when someone errs in his expression? Do you actually think I am saying that for men to be more powerful is anything other than for them to be more noble? Didn’t I tell you long since that I assert that the more noble and the more powerful are one and the same thing? Don’t tell me you take me to mean that if you rounded up a gang of slaves and sundry sorts of men, worthless except in bodily exertion, and if such a group weighed in, such would *eo ipso* be the lawful convention?”

Soc. “Alright, then, most wise Callicles, is this what you are arguing?”

Call. “Quite so.”

Soc. “Well I have to say, my marvelous man, that I have long since guessed this is the sort of thing you were saying is the more powerful, but I have put the

¹ αὐτὰ] ἄττα Heindorf.

γλιχόμενος σαφῶς εἰδέναι ὅτι λέγεις. οὐ γὰρ δήπου σύ γε τοὺς δύο βελτίους ἢ τοῦ ενός, οὐδὲ τοὺς σοὺς δούλους βελτίους σοῦ, ὅτι ισχυρότεροί εἰσιν ἢ σύ. ἀλλὰ πάλιν ἐξ ἀρχῆς εἰπέ τί¹ ποτε λέγεις τοὺς βελτίους, ἐπειδὴ οὐ τοὺς ισχυροτέρους; καὶ ὧ θαυμάσιε πρῶτόν με προδίδασκε, ἵνα μὴ ἀποφοιτήσω παρὰ σοῦ. [e]

ΚΑΛ. εἰρωνεύη, ὦ Σώκρατες.

ΣΩ. μὰ² τὸν Ζῆθον, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, ὅς σὺ χρώμενος πολλὰ νυνδὴ εἰρωνεύου πρὸς με· ἀλλ' ἴθι εἰπέ, τίνας λέγεις τοὺς βελτίους εἶναι;

ΚΑΛ. τοὺς ἀμείνους ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. ὁρᾷς ἄρα ὅτι σὺ αὐτὸς ὀνόματα λέγεις, δηλοῖς δὲ οὐδέν; οὐκ ἐρεῖς, τοὺς βελτίους καὶ κρείττους πότερον τοὺς φρονιμωτέρους λέγεις ἢ ἄλλους τινάς;

ΚΑΛ. ἀλλὰ ναὶ μὰ Δία τούτους λέγω, καὶ σφόδρα γε. [490]

ΣΩ. πολλάκις ἄρα εἷς φρονῶν μυρίων μὴ φρονούντων κρείττων ἐστὶν κατὰ τὸν σὸν λόγον, καὶ τοῦτον ἄρχειν δεῖ, τοὺς δ' ἄρχεσθαι, καὶ πλεόν ἔχειν τὸν ἄρχοντα τῶν ἀρχομένων· τοῦτο γάρ μοι δοκεῖς βούλεσθαι λέγειν—καὶ οὐ ῥήματι³ θηρεύω—εἰ ὁ εἷς τῶν μυρίων κρείττων.

ΚΑΛ. ἀλλὰ ταῦτ' ἔστιν ἃ λέγω. τοῦτο γὰρ οἶμαι ἐγὼ τὸ δίκαιον εἶναι φύσει, τὸ βελτίῳ ὄντα καὶ φρονιμώτερον καὶ ἄρχειν καὶ πλεόν ἔχειν τῶν φαυλοτέρων. [b]

1 τί mss. : F ὅ τι : τίνας *coni.* Routh.

2 μὰ) οὐ μὰ Zb[γρ.] Hermogenes Olymp.

3 ῥήματι BTPFY : ῥήματα V Steph. Ficinus [*verba*] : ῥήματι *coni.* Deuschle : ῥημάτων *coni.* Badham.

question to you out of eagerness to see unambiguously what you are arguing. For *you*, obviously, would not hold that two are more noble than one, nor that your slaves are more noble than you because they are stronger than you. But go back to the beginning and tell me what you say the nobler men are, since it is not the stronger. And, my marvelous man, teach me more gently or else I might leave your tutelage.”

Call. “Such irony!”

Soc. “By your Zethos not I, Callicles, whom you just now greatly used in an ironic attack on me! – But anyway, who do you say are the nobler?”

Call. “The better.”

Soc. “Look how it’s *you* that are mouthing words without indicating the meaning. Tell, won’t you, whether you are saying the nobler and stronger are the smarter or somebody else?”

Call. “Nay, by Zeus, I am saying just these – and exceptionally smart they are.” (490)

Soc. “Sometimes then, a single man, when he is thinking, is stronger than thousands if they are not thinking, according to your argument, and this is the man who must rule, and the others must be ruled, and the one who is ruling must be better off than those being ruled. This is what I think you want to argue – and I am not just trying to pin down your expression – in the case when the single individual is stronger than thousands of others.”

Call. “No that *is* what I am saying. For exactly this is what I think is the just by nature: to be the ruler and to have more because one is nobler and smarter than one’s inferiors.”

ΣΩ. ἔχε δὲ αὐτοῦ. τί ποτε αὖ νῦν λέγεις; ἐὰν ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ὦμεν, ὥσπερ νῦν, πολλοὶ ἄθροοι,¹ καὶ ἡμῖν ἢ ἐν κοινῷ πολλὰ σιτία καὶ ποτά, ὦμεν δὲ παντοδαποί, οἱ μὲν ἰσχυροί, οἱ δ' ἀσθενεῖς, εἷς δὲ ἡμῶν ἢ φρονιμώτερος περὶ ταῦτα, ἱατρὸς ὢν, ἢ δέ, οἷον εἰκός, τῶν μὲν ἰσχυρότερος, τῶν δὲ ἀσθενέστερος, ἄλλο τι ἢ² οὗτος, φρονιμώτερος ἡμῶν ὢν, βελτίων καὶ κρείττων ἔσται εἰς ταῦτα;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε. [c]

ΣΩ. ἢ οὖν τούτων τῶν σιτίων³ πλέον ἡμῶν ἐκτέον αὐτῷ, ὅτι βελτίων ἐστίν, ἢ τῷ μὲν ἄρχειν πάντα ἐκεῖνον δεῖ νέμειν, ἐν τῷ δὲ⁴ ἀναλίσκειν τε αὐτὰ καὶ καταχρῆσθαι εἰς τὸ ἑαυτοῦ σῶμα οὐ πλεονεκτικόν, εἰ μὴ μέλλει ζημιοῦσθαι, ἀλλὰ τῶν μὲν πλέον, τῶν δ' ἔλαττον ἐκτέον· ἐὰν δὲ τύχη πάντων ἀσθενέστατος ὢν, πάντων ἐλάχιστον τῷ βελτίστῳ, ὦ Καλλίκλεις; ... οὐχ οὕτως, ὦγαθέ;

ΚΑΛ. τί δέ;⁵ περὶ σιτία, λέγεις, καὶ ποτά καὶ ἱατροὺς καὶ φλυαρίας. [d] ἐγὼ δὲ οὐ ταῦτα λέγω.

ΣΩ. πότερον οὐ⁶ τὸν φρονιμώτερον βελτίῳ λέγεις; ... φάθι ἢ μή;

ΚΑΛ. ἔγωγε.

1 ἄθροοι *coni.* Burnet : ἀνθρόοι F : ἄνθρωποι ὄντες f (*ut vid.*) : ἀθρόο, ἄνθρωπο, BT[*teste* Burnet] : ἄνθρωποι ἄθροοι PV : ἀθρόοι ἄνθρωποι *scr.* Routh : ἄνθρωποι Hermann. Olymp.

2 ἢ] ἢ F *teste* Cantarin.

3 τῶν σιτίων] *secl.* Hirschig.

4 ἐν τῷ δὲ BTPF : ἐν δὲ τῷ W : τῷ δὲ *coni.* Sauppe.

5 τί δέ YB² *teste* Cantarin : περὶ mss. : *secl.* Hirschig.

6 οὐ BF : οὖν TWPf *teste* Cantarin.

Soc. “Stop right there: What are you saying *this* time? Imagine we were all in the same place, as we are now, a good number of us gathered together, and there was a good deal of food and drink here for us we held in common, but that we were a motley crew, some strong and others weak, and one of us was smarter about food and drink – a physician, say – while himself being in all likelihood more robust than some of us but also slighter than others: won’t he, given that he is smarter, be nobler and stronger regarding food?”

Call. “Exactly.”

Soc. “So is he to get the better share of this food than the rest of us because he is more noble? Or, although he is the one to distribute all the food by virtue of being in charge because of who he is, still, when it comes to the eating up and finishing off of the food he is not to have more of it for his own body, if he is not to suffer the unhealthy outcome that would result in, but instead to have a greater share than some and a lesser one than others? And in case he happens to be the slightest of all, then the least share is to be had by the noblest man, Callicles?”

“... Isn’t it this way, my good man?”

Call. “What’s this? You’re talking food and drink and doctors and nonsense; I am not talking those things.”

Soc. “Aren’t you saying the smarter person is nobler?”

“... Say yes or no.”

Call. “Yes.”

ΣΩ. ἀλλ' οὐ τὸν βελτίω πλέον δεῖν ἔχειν;

ΚΑΛ. οὐ σιτίων γε¹ οὐδὲ ποτῶν.

ΣΩ. μανθάνω, ἀλλ' ἴσως ἱματίων, καί² δεῖ τὸν ὑφαντικώτατον μέγιστον ἱμάτιον ἔχειν καὶ πλεῖστα καὶ κάλλιστα ἀμπεχόμενον περιέναι;

ΚΑΛ. ποίων ἱματίων;

ΣΩ. ἀλλ' εἰς ὑποδήματα δῆλον ὅτι δεῖ πλεονεκτεῖν τὸν [e] φρονιμώτατον³ εἰς ταῦτα καὶ βέλτιστον. τὸν σκυτοτόμον ἴσως μέγιστα δεῖ ὑποδήματα καὶ πλεῖστα ὑποδεδεμένον περιπατεῖν.

ΚΑΛ. ποῖα ὑποδήματα; φλυαρεῖς ἔχων.⁴

ΣΩ. ἀλλ' εἰ μὴ τὰ τοιαῦτα λέγεις, ἴσως τὰ τοιάδε· οἶον γεωργικὸν ἄνδρα περὶ γῆν φρόνιμόν τε καὶ καλὸν καὶ ἀγαθόν, τοῦτον δὴ ἴσως δεῖ πλεονεκτεῖν τῶν σπερμάτων καὶ ὥς πλείστῳ σπέρματι χρῆσθαι εἰς τὴν αὐτοῦ γῆν.

ΚΑΛ. ὥς ἀεὶ ταῦτά λέγεις, ὦ Σώκρατες.

ΣΩ. οὐ μόνον γε, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, ἀλλὰ καὶ περὶ τῶν αὐτῶν.

[491] ΚΑΛ. νῆ τοὺς θεοὺς, ἀτεχνῶς⁵ γε ἀεὶ σκυτέας τε καὶ κναφέας καὶ μαγείρους λέγων καὶ ἰατροὺς οὐδὲν παύη, ὥς περὶ τούτων ἡμῖν ὄντα τὸν λόγον.

1 οὐ] ἀλλ' οὐ *coni.* Cobet.

2 καί BTPf : *om.* F.

3 φρονιμώτατον Fx : φρονιμώτερον BTP.

4 ἔχων BTPf : λέγων F.

5 ἀτεχνῶς TPWF : ἀτέχνως B.

Soc. “And don’t you say that the nobler ought to have more?”

Call. “Not more food! Not more drink!”

Soc. “Oh, I get it: Maybe more cloaks? And the cloakiest man ought to have the largest cloak and go about dressed the finest and the mostest?”

Call. “Cloaks shmoaks!”

Soc. “Then *shoes* the man clearly ought to have in excess, the one smartest and noblest at that? The shoemaker ought to have the largest shoes and strut about better shoed than everyone?”

Call. “You blather shoe-talk!”

Soc. “If that’s not what you mean, maybe it’s this: Take a farming man, who is smart about farmland, and fine and good: maybe it’s this person that ought to have a larger share of seeds, and employ a maximal seed-use – in the farmland that is his own.”

Call. “Amazing how you, Socrates, are always saying the same things!”

Soc. “Not only that, Callicles, but also *about* the same things.” (491)

Call. “By the gods, you just won’t stop talking leather-workers and wool-carders and cooks – along with doctors – as if you think our discussion is about those.”

ΣΩ. οὐκ οὖν σὺ ἐρεῖς περὶ τίνων¹ ὁ κρείττων τε καὶ φρονιμώτερος πλέον ἔχων δικαίως πλεονεκτεῖ; ἢ οὔτε ἐμοῦ ὑποβάλλοντος ἀνέξῃ οὔτ' αὐτὸς ἐρεῖς;

ΚΑΛ. ἀλλ' ἐγωγε καὶ πάσαι λέγω. πρῶτον μὲν τοὺς κρείττους οἱ εἰσιν οὐ σκυτοτόμους λέγω οὐδὲ μαγείρους, ἀλλ' [b] οἱ ἂν εἰς τὰ τῆς πόλεως πράγματα φρόνιμοι ᾖσιν, ὄντινα ἂν τρόπον εὖ οἰκοῖτο, καὶ μὴ μόνον φρόνιμοι, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἀνδρεῖοι, ἱκανοὶ ὄντες ἃ ἂν νοήσωσιν ἐπιτελεῖν, καὶ μὴ ἀποκάμνωσι διὰ μαλακίαν τῆς ψυχῆς.

ΣΩ. ὁρᾷς, ὦ βέλτιστε Καλλίκλεις, ὥς οὐ ταῦτά σύ τ' ἐμοῦ κατηγορεῖς καὶ ἐγὼ σοῦ; σὺ μὲν γὰρ ἐμὲ φῆς αἰεὶ ταῦτά λέγειν, καὶ μέμφῃ μοι· ἐγὼ δὲ σοῦ τούναντίον, ὅτι οὐδέποτε ταῦτά λέγεις περὶ τῶν αὐτῶν, ἀλλὰ τότε μὲν τοὺς [c] βελτίους τε καὶ κρείττους τοὺς ἰσχυροτέρους ὠρίζου, αὐθις δὲ τοὺς φρονιμωτέρους, νῦν δ' αὖ ἕτερόν τι ἤκεις ἔχων· ἀνδρειότεροί τινες ὑπὸ σοῦ λέγονται οἱ κρείττους καὶ οἱ βελτίους. ἀλλ', ὦγαθέ, εἰπὼν ἀπαλλάγηθι τίνας ποτὲ λέγεις τοὺς βελτίους τε καὶ κρείττους καὶ εἰς ὅτι.

ΚΑΛ. ἀλλ' εἰρηκὰ γε ἐγωγε τοὺς φρονίμους εἰς τὰ τῆς πόλεως πράγματα καὶ ἀνδρείους. τούτους γὰρ [d] προσήκει τῶν πόλεων ἄρχειν, καὶ τὸ δίκαιον τοῦτ' ἐστίν, πλέον ἔχειν τούτους τῶν ἄλλων, τοὺς ἄρχοντας τῶν ἀρχομένων.

ΣΩ. τί δαί;² αὐτῶν,³ ὦ ἑταῖρε;

Soc. “But you – will you say about what the stronger and smarter person, in having an excess, justly has an edge? Or will you neither abide my promptings nor volunteer an answer yourself?”

Call. “But I *am* saying it and have been: First of all, as to the stronger, which ones they are, I’m not talking about shoemakers and butchers but anybody who is smart about the business of the city, how it would be well managed, and not only smart but also brave, being up to the task of carrying through whatever he has in mind rather than giving up early out of feebleness of soul.”

Soc. “Anybody can see, my most noble Callicles, that what you accuse me of is not the same as what I accuse you of. You say I am always saying the same things and blame me for it; but I charge you with the opposite, that you never say the same things about the same things. Instead, at one time you define the nobler and stronger as the more powerful while at another time it is the smarter; and just now you serve me with something else: the stronger and the nobler are now said to be somehow braver. So my good man won’t you just deliver yourself of your opinion and be done with it, as to who the nobler and stronger are, and stronger at what?”

Call. “But I’ve already said it is those who are smart at the city’s business and brave. For it is fitting that these be the rulers of cities, and the just is this, that these have more than the others, the rulers more than the ruled.”

Soc. “What? than themselves, my friend?”

1 οὐκ οὖν *coni.* Dodds : οὐκοῦν *mss.* : *secl.* Hirschig || περὶ τίνων] περὶ τίνων <τίνων> *coni.* Dodds.

2 δαί T : τί δὲ *mss.* : τί δέ; *scr.* Stallb.

3 αὐτῶν BT : αὐτῶν WYPF Olymp.[λ].

ΚΑΛ. τί ἢ τι;¹

ΣΩ. ἄρχοντας ἢ ἀρχομένους;²

ΚΑΛ. πῶς λέγεις;

ΣΩ. ἓνα ἕκαστον λέγω αὐτὸν ἑαυτοῦ ἄρχοντα· ἢ τοῦτο μὲν οὐδὲν δεῖ, αὐτὸν ἑαυτοῦ ἄρχειν, τῶν δὲ ἄλλων;

ΚΑΛ. πῶς “ἑαυτοῦ ἄρχοντα” λέγεις;

ΣΩ. οὐδὲν ποικίλον ἀλλ’ ὥσπερ οἱ πολλοί, σῶφρονα ὄντα καὶ ἐγκρατῆ αὐτὸν ἑαυτοῦ, τῶν ἡδονῶν καὶ ἐπιθυμιῶν [e] ἄρχοντα τῶν ἐν ἑαυτῷ.

ΚΑΛ. ὥς ἡδὺς εἶ· τοὺς ἡλιθίους λέγεις τοὺς σῶφρονας. πῶς γὰρ οὐ;³

ΣΩ. οὐδεὶς ὅστις οὐκ ἂν γνοίῃ ὅτι οὐ τοῦτο⁴ λέγω.

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε σφόδρα,⁵ ὦ Σώκρατες. ἐπεὶ πῶς ἂν εὐδαίμων γένοιτο ἄνθρωπος δουλεύων ὀφροῦν; ἀλλὰ τοῦτ’ ἐστὶν τὸ κατὰ φύσιν καλὸν καὶ δίκαιον, ὃ ἐγὼ σοι νῦν παρρησιαζόμενος λέγω, ὅτι δεῖ τὸν ὀρθῶς βιωσόμενον τὰς μὲν ἐπιθυμίας τὰς ἑαυτοῦ ἔαν ὥς μεγίστας εἶναι καὶ μὴ

1 τί ἢ τί TWPF *schol. vet. Socrati tribuens* Theiler : *Callicli tribuens* E3 Olymp. *schol. vet.* : τί· ἢ τί VatEZb *Callicli trib.* : τί ἢ τί B : τί; ἢ τί *coni.* Burnet *Socrati trib.* : ἢ τί Steph. *Socrati trib.* : *secl.* Sauppe : ἦτοι *Socrati trib.* Findeisen : τί οἶε *Socrati trib.* Hermann : Τὴν τί *coni.* *Callicli trib.* Wilamowitz.

2 ἄρχοντας ἢ ἀρχομένους TWF *Socrati tribuens* : ἀρχομένους B [ἢ τοὺς ἄρχοντας καὶ ἀρχομένους *in marg. rec. b, apud* Burnet] : *secl.* Woolsey Schanz : ἄρχοντας *coni.* Sauppe – *haec Callicli tribuentes* Beck Stallb.

3 πῶς γὰρ οὐ mss. [*Callicli trib.* Ald. Basileensis] : πῶς γάρ *coni.* Routh : πῶς γὰρ οὐ *Socrati trib.* Stallbaum.

4 οὐ τοῦτο PFWY Alexander : οὕτω [sic] B Vat : οὕτω *scr.* Stallb. : τοῦτο *coni.* Sauppe.

5 σφόδρα ὦ Σώκρατες BTW : τοῦτο ὦ Σώκρατες σφόδρα F : τοῦτο σφόδρα ὦ Σώκρατες *coni.* Heindorf.

Call. “Who they?”

Soc. “As rulers or as ruled?”

Call. “What do you mean?”

Soc. “I’m talking about each individual as himself ruling himself. Or is that unneeded – ruling oneself – only ruling others?”

Call. “What do you mean, ‘ruling oneself’?”

Soc. “Nothing tricky – just what most people mean – being a mindful master of oneself, ruling over the pleasures and desires within oneself.”

Call. “How naive! It is the imbeciles among us you are referring to as being mindful. How can you deny it?”

Soc. “Nobody would fail to recognize that that is not what I am saying!”

Call. “But that *is* most assuredly what you are saying – since how could a person be happy if he is enslaved to *anybody*? Nay, here is what is fine and just by nature – finally I will express it in all frankness: He who is to live the right way must allow his own desires to grow to the maximum and not bridle them, (492) but also

κολάζειν, [492] ταύταις δὲ ὡς μεγίσταις οὔσαις ἱκανὸν εἶναι ὑπηρετεῖν δι' ἀνδρείαν καὶ φρόνησιν, καὶ ἀποπιμπλάναι ὧν ἂν αἰεὶ ἡ ἐπιθυμία γίγνηται. ἀλλὰ τοῦτ' οἶμαι τοῖς πολλοῖς οὐ δυνατόν· ὅθεν ψέγουσιν τοὺς τοιούτους δι' αἰσχύνην, ἀποκρυπτόμενοι τὴν αὐτῶν ἀδυναμίαν, καὶ αἰσχρὸν δὴ φασιν εἶναι τὴν ἀκολασίαν, ὅπερ ἐν τοῖς πρόσθεν ἐγὼ ἔλεγον, δουλόμενοι τοὺς βελτίους τὴν φύσιν ἀνθρώπους, καὶ αὐτοὶ οὐ δυνάμενοι ἐκπορίζεσθαι ταῖς ἡδοναῖς πλήρωσιν ἐπαινοῦσιν τὴν σωφροσύνην [b] καὶ τὴν δικαιοσύνην διὰ τὴν αὐτῶν ἀνανδρίαν. ἐπεὶ ὅσοις¹ ἐξ ἀρχῆς ὑπῆρξεν ἡ βασιλέων ὑέσιν εἶναι ἢ αὐτοὺς τῇ φύσει ἱκανοὺς ἐκπορίσασθαι ἀρχὴν τινα ἢ τυραννίδα ἢ δυναστείαν, τί² τῇ ἀληθείᾳ αἰσχίον καὶ κάκιον εἶη σωφροσύνης καὶ δικαιοσύνης³ τούτοις τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, οἷς ἐξὸν ἀπολαύειν τῶν ἀγαθῶν καὶ μηδενὸς ἐμποδῶν ὄντος, αὐτοὶ ἑαυτοῖς δεσπότην ἐπαγάγοιντο τὸν τῶν πολλῶν ἀνθρώπων νόμον τε καὶ λόγον καὶ ψόγον; ἢ πῶς οὐκ ἂν ἄθλιοι γεγονότες [c] εἶησαν⁴ ὑπὸ τοῦ καλοῦ τοῦ τῆς δικαιοσύνης καὶ τῆς σωφροσύνης,⁵ μηδὲν πλέον νέμοντες τοῖς φίλοις τοῖς αὐτῶν ἢ τοῖς ἐχθροῖς, καὶ ταῦτα ἄρχοντες ἐν τῇ ἑαυτῶν πόλει; ἀλλὰ τῇ ἀληθείᾳ, ὧ Σώκρατες, ἦν φῆς σὺ διώκειν, ὧδ' ἔχει· τρυφὴ καὶ ἀκολασία καὶ ἐλευθερία, ἐὰν ἐπικουρίαν ἔχη, τοῦτ' ἐστὶν

1 ὅσοις F Steph.(γρ.) : θεοῖς BTPf : τοῖς θεοῖς T² : δὲ οἷς W : γε οἷς f Yb2SEstL^{marg} : θ' οἷς Γ : οἷς γε conl. Heindorf.

2 τί τῇ ἀληθείᾳ ZaYb²E2^{marg}-Lob^{marg}. Steph. : τῇ ἀληθείᾳ BTPF : τί ἂν τῇ ἀληθείᾳ Woolsey || ἂν post κάκιον conl. Coraes.

3 καὶ δικαιοσύνης F : om.BTP.

4 εἶησαν] εἶεν conl. Hirschig.

5 τοῦ καλοῦ τοῦ τῆς δικαιοσύνης καὶ τῆς σωφροσύνης mss. : τ. κ. τ.τῆς σωφροσύνης καὶ δικαιοσύνης F : τ. κ. τ.τῆς δικαιοσύνης τε καὶ τῆς σωφροσύνης Φ || τούτου pro τοῦ alterum conl. Hissink Richards.

must be adequate to the task of serving these though they have become as great as can be, by dint of his manly courage and intelligence, and fulfilling each and every desire as it might arise. But this, I daresay, is beyond the ability of the many, and so they condemn such men out of shame. They try to divert attention from their shameful lack of power by calling 'shameful' the lack of a bridle, just as I was saying before, in their attempt to turn the naturally nobler men into slaves; lacking the power in themselves to satiate their desires with pleasures they praise moderation and justice because of a lack of manly courage in themselves. Since for anyone who had in store from birth to be sons of kings or, through natural endowment, to be adequate to procure some office for themselves, whether tyranny or dynasty, what in very truth could be more shameful and evil than moderation and justice for men such as these, if though able to rake off the goods for themselves with nothing impeding them, they should by their own choice bring law or usage to bear on themselves as their master, or the repute and censure of a mere majority? How, I ask you, could they not come off as losers for being overcome by the fine thing that justice and temperance is, and distributing no more spoils to their friends than to their enemies though they hold the very reins of the city? No! In very truth, Socrates, since the truth is what *you* claim to be after, here is how it stands: Luxury, license, liberty as long as it has serving support at hand, *this* is virtue and happiness.

ἀρετή τε καὶ εὐδαιμονία, τὰ δὲ ἄλλα ταῦτ' ἐστὶν¹ τὰ καλλωπίσματα, τὰ παρὰ φύσιν συνθήματα, ἀνθρώπων φλυαρία καὶ οὐδενὸς ἀξία. [d]

ΣΩ. οὐκ ἀγεννῶς γε, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, ἐπεξέρχῃ τῷ λόγῳ παρρησιαζόμενος· σαφῶς γὰρ σὺ νῦν λέγεις ἃ οἱ ἄλλοι διανοοῦνται μὲν, λέγειν δὲ οὐκ ἐθέλουσιν. δέομαι οὖν ἐγὼ σου μηδενὶ τρόπῳ ἀνεῖναι, ἵνα τῷ ὄντι κατάδηλον γένηται πῶς βιωτέον. καὶ μοι λέγε· τὰς μὲν ἐπιθυμίας φῆς οὐ κολαστέον, εἰ μέλλει τις οἶον δεῖ εἶναι, ἐῶντα δὲ αὐτὰς ὥς μεγίστας πλήρωσιν αὐταῖς ἄλλοθεν² γέ ποθεν ἐτοιμάζειν, καὶ [e] τοῦτο εἶναι τὴν ἀρετήν;

ΚΑΛ. φημὶ ταῦτα ἐγώ.

ΣΩ. οὐκ ἄρα ὀρθῶς λέγονται οἱ μηδενὸς δεόμενοι εὐδαιμόνες εἶναι.

ΚΑΛ. οἱ λίθοι γὰρ ἂν οὕτω γε καὶ οἱ νεκροὶ εὐδαιμονέστατοι ἦσαν.³

ΣΩ. ἀλλὰ μὲν δὴ καὶ ὥς γε σὺ λέγεις δεινὸς ὁ βίος. οὐ γάρ τι⁴ θαυμάζοιμ' ἂν εἰ Εὐριπίδης ἀληθῆ ἐν τοῖσδε λέγει, λέγων—

τίς δ' οἶδεν, εἰ τὸ ζῆν μὲν ἐστὶ κατθανεῖν,
τὸ κατθανεῖν δὲ ζῆν; ...

1 ἐστὶν] ἄρα *coni.* Schanz : *secl.* Deuschle || τὰ *ante* καλλωπίσματα. *secl.* Stallb. || τὰ *ante* παρὰ *secl.* Heindorf.

2 ἄλλοθεν BTWf Routh [*aliunde alicunde*] : ἀμόθεν F Heindorf : ἀμόθεν *coni.* Bekker.

3 ἂν ... ἦσαν *scripsi* : ἂν ... εἰσιν BTP : ἂν εἶεν F (edd., Ast “*erunt*” *vertens!*) : δὴ ... εἰσιν *coni.* Schanz.

4 τι BTPYV Iamblichus : τοι F Stob.

The rest you mention, this prettifying camouflage, these compacts contrary to nature, are nonsense, human, and of no worth.”

Soc. “With no mean frankness, Callicles, do you prosecute our subject, for now you are stating very clearly what the others are thinking but are unwilling to say. I beg you please not to let up, so that we might truly grasp for once and for all how we are to lead our lives. Tell me: you are saying that one must not rein in his desires if he is to live as he ought, but that as he allows them to grow as great as possible he must try to work on having the means to fulfill them from separate sources around him – and that is what virtue is.”

Call. “That is my position.”

Soc. “So the saying that those who are in need of nothing are happy, is incorrect?”

Call. “Yes: mere stones would in that case be the happiest, and the dead for that matter.”

Soc. “But by the same token, you would have to agree that being *alive* would be one hell of a thing if you are right. In fact, I wouldn’t be so surprised if Euripides was right in saying,

*Who knows whether being alive is really being dead,
And being dead being alive?*

[493] καὶ ἡμεῖς τῷ ὄντι ἴσως¹ τέθναμεν· ἤδη γάρ² του ἔγωγε καὶ ἤκουσα τῶν σοφῶν ὡς νῦν ἡμεῖς τέθναμεν καὶ τὸ μὲν σῶμά ἐστιν ἡμῖν σῆμα, τῆς δὲ ψυχῆς τοῦτο ἐν ᾧ ἐπιθυμίαι εἰσὶ τυγχάνει ὃν οἶον ἀναπειθεσθαι καὶ μεταπίπτειν ἄνω κάτω, καὶ τοῦτο ἄρα τις μυθολογῶν κομψὸς ἀνὴρ, ἴσως Σικελὸς τις ἢ Ἰταλικός, παράγων τῷ ὀνόματι διὰ τὸ πιθανόν τε καὶ πιστικόν³ ὠνόμασε πίθον, τοὺς δὲ ἀνοήτους ἀμύητους, [b] τῶν δ' ἀμυήτων⁴ τοῦτο τῆς ψυχῆς οὗ αἱ ἐπιθυμίαι εἰσὶ τὸ ἀκόλαστον αὐτοῦ⁵ καὶ οὐ στεγανόν, ὡς τετρημένος εἴη πίθος διὰ τὴν ἀπληστίαν ἀπεικάσας. τοῦναντίον δὴ οὗτος σοί, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, ἐνδείκνυται ὡς τῶν ἐν Ἅιδου—τὸ αἰδὲς δὴ λέγων—οὗτοι ἀθλιώτατοι εἶεν,⁶ οἱ ἀμύητοι, καὶ φοροῖεν εἰς τὸν τετρημένον πίθον ὕδωρ ἐτέρω τοιούτῳ τετρημένῳ κοσκίνῳ. τὸ δὲ κόσκινον ἄρα λέγει, ὡς ἔφη ὁ πρὸς ἐμὲ [c] λέγων, τὴν ψυχὴν εἶναι· τὴν δὲ ψυχὴν κοσκίνῳ ἀπῆκασεν τὴν τῶν ἀνοήτων ὡς τετρημένην, ἅτε οὐ δυναμένην στέγειν δι' ἀπιστίαν⁷ τε καὶ λήθην.

ταῦτ' ἐπεικῶς μὲν ἐστὶν ὑπὸ τι ἄτοπα, δηλοῖ μὴν⁸ ὃ ἐγὼ βούλομαι σοι ἐνδειξάμενος, ἐάν πως οἶός τε ᾧ, πεῖσαι μεταθέσθαι, καὶ⁹ ἀντὶ τοῦ ἀπλήστως καὶ ἀκολάστως

1 ἴσως] *secl.* Cobet.

2 ἤδη γάρ F Iamblichus Stob. : ἤδη BTP : ὅπερ ἤδη Y : ἤ δὴ *coni.* Hermann Badham.

3 πιστικόν BTP Iamblichus Stob. : πειστικόν F.

4 τῶν δὲ ἀμυήτων BTPf : τῶν δ' ἀνοήτων F Iamblichus Stob. Steph.(γρ.) Serranus : τῶν ἀμυήτων *coni.* Madvig : τῶν δὲ *coni.* Findeisen.

5 αὐτοῦ] αὐτῆς Heindorf διὰ *ante* τὸ ἀκόλαστον *addens* : *secl.* Sauppe διὰ *addens* : *secl.* Stender : συνεῖς *pro* τὸ *addens* Dodds.

6 ἀθλιώτατοι εἶεν Stob. : ἀθλιώτατοι ἂν εἶεν BTPf : ἀθλιώτατοί εἰσιν F Iamblichus.

7 ἀπιστίαν] ἀπληστίαν *coni.* Schliermacher.

8 δηλοῖ μὴν Tf Iamblichus : δηλοῖ μὴν F : δηλοῖ μὲν BP : δηλοῖ δὲ Wb.

9 καὶ ἀντὶ V : ἀντὶ mss.

(493) and that somehow we are in fact dead. Indeed, I have heard from some wise man that we are now dead and our body is for us a tomb; and that the part of the soul where desires reside is of such a nature as to be fickle and subject to the most extreme vacillations in mood, and that, as he told me, some clever man, maybe a Sicilian or an Italian, made up a fable about it – that since it is both *pithanos* (persuasive) and *pistikos* (trustworthy) he called this part a *pithos* (a pot for storage) adjusting the letters; and by another respelling he called mindless persons (*anoetous*) uninitiated (*amuetous*), and the place in the soul of the mindless that is the regime of the desires he called the unbridled part of it and unsealed for holding things in, as if it were a perforated pot, expressing with this image its insatiability. This fellow gives the picture – quite the opposite of yours, Callicles – that among the inhabitants of Hades (*Haidēs*), which he calls the “invisible” realm (*aeides*), these are the most destitute – namely, the uninitiated ones – in that they carry water to a perforated pot with something likewise perforated – a sieve: The sieve he speaks about is for him the soul, as the man who told me reported, and he likened their soul – that of the mindless – to a sieve as itself being perforated, inasmuch as such a soul is not able to keep what is in it because of its lack of trustworthiness and its forgetfulness.

“I grant this story is strange enough, but it does show the picture I want to put before you, to persuade you, if I might, to switch your vote and in place of living

ἔχοντος βίου τὸν κοσμίως καὶ τοῖς ἀεὶ παροῦσιν ἱκανῶς καὶ ἑξαρκούντως ἔχοντα βίον ἐλέσθαι. ἀλλὰ πότερον [d] πείθω τί σε καὶ μετατίθεσθαι¹ εὐδαιμονεστέρους εἶναι τοὺς κοσμίους τῶν ἀκολάστων, ἢ οὐδ' ἂν ἄλλα² πολλὰ τοιαῦτα μυθολογῶ, οὐδέν τι μᾶλλον μεταθήσῃ;

ΚΑΛ. τοῦτ' ἀληθέστερον³ εἴρηκας, ὦ Σώκρατες.

ΣΩ. φέρε δὴ, ἄλλην σοι εἰκόνα λέγω ἐκ τοῦ αὐτοῦ γυμνασίου τῇ νῦν. σκόπει γὰρ εἰ τοιόνδε λέγεις περὶ τοῦ βίου ἐκατέρου, τοῦ τε σώφρονος καὶ τοῦ ἀκολάστου, οἷον εἰ δυοῖν ἀνδροῖν ἐκατέρῳ πίθοι πολλοὶ εἶεν καὶ τῷ μὲν [e] ἐτέρῳ ὑγιεῖς καὶ πλήρεις, ὁ μὲν οἶνου, ὁ δὲ μέλιτος, ὁ δὲ γάλακτος, καὶ ἄλλοι πολλοὶ πολλῶν, νάματα δὲ σπάνια καὶ χαλεπὰ⁴ ἐκάστου τούτων εἶη καὶ μετὰ πολλῶν πόνων καὶ χαλεπῶν ἐκποριζόμενα· ὁ μὲν οὖν ἕτερος πληρωσάμενος μήτ' ἐποχετεύοι μήτε τι φροντίζοι, ἀλλ' ἔνεκα τούτων ἡσυχίαν ἔχοι· τῷ δ' ἐτέρῳ τὰ μὲν νάματα, ὥσπερ καὶ ἐκείνῳ, δυνατὰ μὲν πορίζεσθαι εἶη,⁵ χαλεπὰ δέ, τὰ δ' ἀγγεῖα τετρημένα καὶ σαθρά, ἀναγκάζοιτο δὲ⁶ ἀεὶ καὶ νύκτα καὶ [494] ἡμέραν πιμπλάναι αὐτά, ἢ τὰς ἐσχάτας λυποῖτο λύπας· ἄρα τοιούτου ἐκατέρου ὄντος τοῦ βίου, λέγεις τὸν τοῦ ἀκολάστου εὐδαιμονέστερον εἶναι ἢ τὸν τοῦ κοσμίου; πείθω τί σε ταῦτα λέγων συγχωρῆσαι τὸν κόσμιον βίον τοῦ ἀκολάστου ἀμείνω εἶναι, ἢ οὐ πείθω;

ΚΑΛ. οὐ πείθεις, ὦ Σώκρατες. τῷ μὲν γὰρ πληρωσαμένῳ ἐκείνῳ οὐκέτ' ἔστιν ἡδονὴ οὐδεμία, ἀλλὰ

1 μετατίθεσθαι BTP : μεταθέσαι F : μετατίθεσαι E3Za.

2 οὐδ' ἂν ἄλλα *coni.* Sauppe : οὐδέν ἄλλα BTWFPPar : οὐδέν ἄλλ' ἂν καὶ P : οὐδέν ἄλλα κἂν t^{marg}.

3 ἀληθέστερον BTP : ἀληθέστατον F Olymp.[λ].

4 καὶ χαλεπὰ] *secl.* Morstadt.

5 εἶη F Iambl. : *om.* BTW.

6 ἀναγκάζοιτο δὲ F Iambl. : καὶ ἀναγκάζοιτο ZaYT² : ἀναγκάζοιτο BTWP.

insatiably and debauched, to select a life meet and satisfied with whatever is ready to hand. But say whether I am at all persuading you actually to switch to the outlook that the happier people are those who are graceful and moderate rather than dissolute and rash? Or would you be no more disposed to change even if I came up with a whole lot of such fables?"

Call. "The latter result you laid out is the truer."

Soc. "Come then: Shall I give you another image from the same school, and see whether you would to the following about the life of each, the temperate man and the dissolute man? Imagine that each of the two own many pitchers, and that those that belong to the one are sound and full, one of wine, one of honey, and one of milk, and many others full of many other liquids; and that the sources from which they draw these liquids are few and far between and difficult, accessible only with great and hard labor; and that the one man, once he has filled them up, would neither be lugging them back and forth nor be at all anxious, but was calm about the whole matter; whereas for the other, that the sources, just as for the other man, can be reached but only with difficulty, and that his vessels are perforated and cracked, and he has to be filling them (494) all the time, through night and day, or else suffer the greatest of pains. What do you say? Given these respective lives do you say the life of the dissolute man is happier than that of the moderate? Am I persuading you at all in saying this, to give in and say that the moderate life is better than the dissolute one? Or am I not persuading you?"

Call. "Not persuading, Socrates. The man who has finished filling them up no longer feels any pleasure:

τοῦτ'· ἔστιν,· ὁ· νυνδὴ· ἐγὼ· ἔλεγον,· τὸ· ὥσπερ· λίθον· ζῆν,
ἐπειδὴν·[b]· πληρωθῆ,¹· μήτε· χαίροντα· ἔτι· μήτε· λυπούμενον.
ἀλλ'· ἐν· τούτῳ· ἔστιν· τὸ· ἡδέως· ζῆν,· ἐν· τῷ· ὥς· πλεῖστον
ἐπιρρεῖν.¶

→ ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν· ἀνάγκη· γ',· ἂν· πολὺν· ἐπιρρέῃ,· πολὺν· καὶ
τὸ· ἀπὸν· εἶναι,· καὶ· μεγάλ'· ἅττα· τὰ· τρήματα· εἶναι· ταῖς
ἐκροαῖς;¶

→ ΚΑΛ. πάννυ· μὲν· οὖν.¶

→ ΣΩ.· χαραδρίου²· τινα· αὖ· σὺ· βίον· λέγεις,· ἀλλ'· οὐ
νεκροῦ· οὐδὲ· λίθου,· καὶ· μοι· λέγε· τὸ· τοιόνδε· λέγεις· οἷον
πεινῆν· καὶ· πεινῶντα· ἐσθίειν;¶

→ ΚΑΛ. ἔγωγε,·[c]¶

→ ΣΩ. καὶ· διψῆν· γε· καὶ· διψῶντα· πίνειν;¶

→ ΚΑΛ. λέγω,· καὶ· τὰς· ἄλλας· ἐπιθυμίας· ἀπάσας· ἔχοντα
καὶ· δυνάμενον· πληροῦντα³· χαίροντα· εὐδαιμόνως· ζῆν.¶

→ ΣΩ. εὖγε,· ὃ· βέλτιστε· διατέλει· γὰρ· ὥσπερ· ἥρξω,· καὶ
ὅπως· μὴ· ἀπαισχυνῇ,· δεῖ· δέ,· ὥς· ἔοικε,· μηδ'· ἐμὲ
ἀπαισχυνθῆναι,· καὶ· πρῶτον· μὲν· εἰπεῖ· εἰ· καὶ· ψωρῶντα· καὶ
κνησιῶντα,· ἀφθόνως· ἔχοντα· τοῦ· κνησθαι,· κνώμενον
διατελοῦντα· τὸν· βίον· εὐδαιμόνως· ἔστι· ζῆν.·[d]¶

→ ΚΑΛ. ὥς· ἄτοπος· εἶ,· ὃ· Σώκρατες,· καὶ· ἀτεχνῶς⁴
δημηγόρος;¶

→ ΣΩ.· τοιγάρτοι,· ὃ· Καλλίκλεις,· Πῶλον· μὲν· καὶ
Γοργίαν· καὶ· ἐξέπληξα· καὶ· αἰσχύνεσθαι· ἐποίησα,· σὺ· δὲ· οὐ¶

1· πληρωθῆ· *coni.* Stallb.: πληρώση· BTPF: πληρώσηται· Y.¶

2· χαραδρίου· *scripsi*: χαραδριοῦ· mss.¶

3· πληροῦντα· mss.: πληροῦν· Steph. Ficinus· [*explere*].¶

4· ἀτεχνῶς· TW: ἀτέχνως· B: ἀτεχνως· P: ἄτεχνος· F.¶

this is what I was just saying was living like a stone once
he has filled them, no longer feeling either joy or pain.
But the life of pleasure consists in maximizing successive
influx.”

Soc. “And yet doesn’t a maximal influx require
also that much leaves, and the perforations would need to
be quite large to allow for the outflows?”

Call. “Quite so.”

Soc. “Then you are talking about the life of a
little gully, rather than of a corpse or a stone! But say
more. Are you talking about something like becoming
hungry and then once hungry eating?”

Call. “I am.”

Soc. “And becoming thirsty and then once
thirsty drinking?”

Call. “So I am, and saying it about the other
desires as well, each and every one: it comes upon him,
he has the power, he fulfills the desire, he reaps his
enjoyment, he lives a happy life.”

Soc. “Bravo, my noblest of men! You are
carrying it through just as you began, and let’s hope you
can continue shamelessly! And it seems I mustn’t let
shame stop me, either. So for starters, tell me if, also,
feeling an itch and desiring to scratch, being abundantly
able to scratch, carrying through scratching one’s life
away, is to live a happy life?”

Call. “You’re a damn kook, Socrates, and an
unscrupulous demagogue.”

Soc. “Stop and think, Callicles! Polus and
Gorgias I shocked and brought to shame – but you –

μὴ ἐκπλαγῆς οὐδὲ μὴ αἰσχυνοῦς· ἀνδρεῖος γὰρ εἶ. ἀλλ’ ἀποκρίνου μόνον.

ΚΑΛ. φημί τοίνυν καὶ τὸν κνώμενον ἡδέως ἂν βιώσῃ.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν εἴπερ ἡδέως, καὶ εὐδαιμόνως;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε. [e]

ΣΩ. πότερον εἰ τὴν κεφαλὴν μόνον κνησιῶ¹—ἢ ἔτι τί σε ἐρωτῶ; ὅρα, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, τί ἀποκρινεῖ,² ἂν τίς σε τὰ ἐχόμενα³ τούτοις ἐφεξῆς ἅπαντα ἐρωτᾷ. καὶ τούτων τοιούτων ὄντων κεφάλαιον,⁴ ὁ τῶν κιναιδῶν βίος, οὗτος, οὐ δεινὸς καὶ αἰσχυρὸς καὶ ἄθλιος; ἢ τούτους⁵ τολμήσεις λέγειν εὐδαιμόνας εἶναι, ἐὰν ἀφθόνως ἔχωσιν ὧν δέονται;

ΚΑΛ. οὐκ αἰσχύνῃ εἰς τοιαῦτα ἄγων, ὦ Σώκρατες, τοὺς λόγους;

ΣΩ. ἢ γὰρ ἐγὼ ἄγω ἐνταῦθα, ὦ γενναῖε, ἢ ἐκεῖνος ὃς ἂν φῇ ἀνέδην⁶ οὕτω τοὺς χαίροντας, ὅπως ἂν χαίρωσιν, [495] εὐδαιμόνας εἶναι, καὶ μὴ διορίζεται τῶν ἡδονῶν ὅποια ἀγαθαὶ καὶ κακαί;⁷ ἀλλ’ ἔτι καὶ νῦν λέγε πότερον φῆς εἶναι τὸ αὐτὸ ἡδὺ καὶ ἀγαθόν, ἢ εἶναι τι τῶν ἡδέων ὃ οὐκ ἔστιν ἀγαθόν;

1 κνησιῶ *coni.* Bekker : κνησιοῖ mss. : κνησιῶ F : κνησιῶ *coni.* Heindorf : κνησιῶ *coni.* Coraes.

2 ἀποκρινεῖ B : ἀποκρίνει T : ἀποκρινῇ P : ἀποκρίνη WF : ἀποκρίνη V : ἀποκρινῇ E3ZaY.

3 ἐχόμενα] ἐπόμενα *coni.* Bekker : *secl.* Schanz.

4 κεφάλαιον FYb : κεφαλαίων BTWP : τὸ κεφάλαιον Buttmann.

5 τούτους] καὶ τούτους ZaY.

6 ἀνέδην BTW²Za : ἀναιδην PWF Steph.

7 ὅποια ἀγαθαὶ καὶ κακαί PF : ὅποια αἱ ἀγαθαὶ καὶ κακαί BT : ὅποια αἱ ἀγαθαὶ καὶ αἱ κακαί W.

please! Don’t be shocked and ashamed! You are a brave man! Just answer!”

Call. “Alright then, I say that even the scratcher would be living a pleasurable life.”

Soc. “But if pleasurable, happy also?”

Call. “Quite so.”

Soc. “If it is only his head that he is desiring to scratch? Or should I proceed a bit further with my questions? Mind what you will answer, Callicles, in case someone goes on to ask you about all the connected parts right down the line till he reaches what is the culminating case of things of this ilk, the life of a Ganymede, serving all and sundry: isn’t that a hellish and shameful and destitute life? Or will you dare say these are happy, as long as they have an abundance of what they crave?”

Call. “Have you no shame, driving our conversation into such topics?”

Soc. “So is it *I* who drive them there, my redoubtable friend? Or is it any man who so unguardedly asserts this thesis of yours, that those who are having enjoyment whatever the enjoyment might be, (495) are happy, and does not draw a distinction among pleasures as to which sorts are good and which are bad? But even now: say whether you declare that the pleasurable and the good are the same, or is there any pleasurable thing that is not good?”

ΚΑΛ. ἵνα δὴ μοι μὴ ἀνομολογούμενος¹ ἢ ὁ λόγος, ἐὰν ἔτερον φήσω εἶναι, τὸ αὐτὸ φημι εἶναι.

ΣΩ. διαφθείρεις, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, τοὺς πρώτους λόγους, καὶ οὐκ ἂν ἔτι μετ' ἐμοῦ ἱκανῶς τὰ ὄντα ἐξετάζεις, εἴπερ παρὰ τὰ δοκοῦντα σαυτῷ ἐρεῖς. [b]

ΚΑΛ. καὶ γὰρ σύ, ὦ Σώκρατες.

ΣΩ. οὐ τοίνυν ὀρθῶς ποιῶ οὐτ' ἐγώ, εἴπερ ποιῶ τοῦτο, οὔτε σύ. ἀλλ', ὦ μακάριε, ἄθρει μὴ οὐ τοῦτο ἢ τὸ ἀγαθόν, τὸ πάντως χαίρειν· ταῦτά τε γὰρ τὰ νυνδὴ αἰνιχθέντα πολλὰ² καὶ αἰσχροὶ φαίνεται συμβαίνοντα, εἰ τοῦτο οὕτως ἔχει, καὶ ἄλλα πολλά.

ΚΑΛ. ὥς σύ γε οἶει, ὦ Σώκρατες.

ΣΩ. σὺ δὲ τῷ ὄντι, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, ταῦτα ἰσχυρίζῃ;

ΚΑΛ. ἔγωγε. [c]

ΣΩ. ἐπιχειρῶμεν ἄρα τῷ λόγῳ ὥς σοῦ σπουδάζοντος;

ΚΑΛ. πάννυ γε σφόδρα.

ΣΩ. ἴθι δὴ μοι, ἐπειδὴ οὕτω δοκεῖ,³ διελοῦ τάδε· ἐπιστήμην που καλεῖς τι;

ΚΑΛ. ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. οὐ καὶ ἀνδρείαν νυνδὴ ἔλεγές τινα εἶναι μετὰ ἐπιστήμης;

ΚΑΛ. ἔλεγον γάρ.

1 μὴ ἀνομολογούμενος BTP : μὴ ὁμολογούμενος F Olymp.[λ.: “γρ. καὶ ἀνομολογούμενος καὶ μὴ ὁμολογούμενος”].

2 πολλά] *secl.* Sauppe : κακά *coni.* Hirschig.

3 οὕτω δοκεῖ] σοι οὕτω δοκεῖ E1 Steph.

Call. “In order to keep the argument from going inconsistent on me in case I shall say they are different, I say they are the same.”

Soc. “You are undermining what you said at first, Callicles, and you can no longer examine the truth in an adequate way with me, if as you say you are going to argue contrary to your opinion...”

Call. “... just as you are doing, Socrates.”

Soc. “I’ll say I am not acting properly myself, if in fact I am doing that, no less than you. But, my winning friend, look closely to see whether the good really could be this, enjoyment of any and every kind, since many shameful things such as were alluded to just now come into view as entailments of that position, but many others, too.”

Call. “So *you* think.”

Soc. “But *you*, are you really going to maintain this position?”

Call. “I am.”

Soc. “Shall we then make a test of this argument, supposing you are serious?”

Call. “Absolutely!”

Soc. “Come then: if that’s our consensus, let’s make the following distinctions. Presumably you think there is such a thing as knowledge?”

Call. “I do.”

Soc. “And weren’t you speaking of a kind of courage that goes along with knowledge?”

Call. “So I argued.”

ΣΩ. ἄλλο τι οὖν ὥς ἕτερον τὴν ἀνδρείαν τῆς ἐπιστήμης δύο ταῦτα ἔλεγες;

ΚΑΛ. σφόδρα γε.

ΣΩ. τί δέ; ἡδονὴν καὶ ἐπιστήμην ταῦτόν ἢ ἕτερον;

[d] ΚΑΛ. ἕτερον δήπου, ὃ σοφώτατε σύ.

ΣΩ. ἢ καὶ ἀνδρείαν ἐτέραν ἡδονῆς;

ΚΑΛ. πῶς γὰρ οὐ;

ΣΩ. φέρε δὴ ὅπως μεμνησόμεθα ταῦτα, ὅτι Καλλικλῆς ἔφη Ἀχαρνεὺς ἡδὺ μὲν καὶ ἀγαθὸν ταῦτόν εἶναι, ἐπιστήμην δὲ καὶ ἀνδρείαν καὶ ἀλλήλων καὶ τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ¹ ἕτερον.

ΚΑΛ. Σωκράτης δέ γε ἡμῖν ὁ Ἀλωπεκῆθεν οὐχ ὁμολογεῖ ταῦτα. ἢ ὁμολογεῖ; [e]

ΣΩ. οὐχ ὁμολογεῖ· οἶμαι δέ γε οὐδὲ Καλλικλῆς, ὅταν αὐτὸς αὐτόν θεάσῃται ὀρθῶς. εἰπὲ γάρ μοι, τοὺς εὖ πράττοντας τοῖς κακῶς πράττουσιν οὐ τούναντίον ἡγῆ πάθος πεπονθέναι;

ΚΑΛ. ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν, εἴπερ ἐναντία ἐστὶν ταῦτα ἀλλήλοις, ἀνάγκη περὶ αὐτῶν ἔχειν ὥσπερ περὶ ὑγιείας ἔχει καὶ νόσου; οὐ γὰρ ἅμα δήπου ὑγιαίνει τε καὶ νοσεῖ ὁ

¹ ἀγαθοῦ] ἡδέος *coni.* Schmidt.

Soc. “But thinking of courage as other than knowledge, you were speaking of them as two different things?”

Call. “Very much so.”

Soc. “And what about this: are pleasure and knowledge one and the same thing or different?”

Call. “Different I should think; now it is *you* who seem so wise!”

Soc. “And is courage different from pleasure?”

Call. “Of course.”

Soc. “So let us review. Callicles, an Acharnian, has said the pleasurable and the good are the same thing, and that knowledge and courage are different both from each other and from the good.”

Call. “And meanwhile Socrates from Alopecce does not agree with us on this – or does he?”

Soc. “He does not agree. But I’d guess Callicles won’t either, once he sees himself aright. Just tell me, don’t you take it that people who are doing well are undergoing the opposite of those who are doing badly?”

Call. “I do.”

Soc. “So isn’t it necessarily so, that if as you aver these really are opposites to each other, it stands with them the same as with health and disease – that a man cannot thrive and suffer sickness at the same time,

ἄνθρωπος, οὐδὲ ἅμα ἀπαλλάττεται ὑγείας τε καὶ νόσου.

ΚΑΛ. πῶς λέγεις;

ΣΩ. οἷον περὶ οὗτου βούλει τοῦ σώματος ἀπολαβὼν
[496] σκόπει. νοσεῖ που ἄνθρωπος ὀφθαλμούς, ὃ ὄνομα
ὀφθαλμία;

ΚΑΛ. πῶς γὰρ οὐ;

ΣΩ. οὐ δῆπου καὶ ὑγιαίνει γε ἅμα τοὺς αὐτούς;

ΚΑΛ. οὐδ' ὅπωςτιοῦν.

ΣΩ. τί δὲ ὅταν τῆς ὀφθαλμίας ἀπαλλάττεται; ἄρα
τότε καὶ τῆς ὑγείας ἀπαλλάττεται τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν καὶ
τελευτῶν ἅμα ἀμφοτέρων ἀπήλλακται;

ΚΑΛ. ἥκιστα γε.

ΣΩ. θαυμάσιον γὰρ [b] οἶμαι καὶ ἄλογον γίγνεται· ἢ
γάρ;

ΚΑΛ. σφόδρα γε.

ΣΩ. ἀλλ' ἐν μέρει οἶμαι ἐκάτερον καὶ λαμβάνει καὶ
ἀπολλύει;¹

ΚΑΛ. φημί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ ἰσχὺν καὶ ἀσθένειαν ὡσαύτως;

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. καὶ τάχος καὶ βραδυτῆτα;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

nor can he secure an abatement of health and of disease
at the same time?"

Call. "What does *that* mean?"

Soc. "Take for example any part of the body
considered by itself. (496) Say a man is sick in his eyes –
it's called ophthalmia, right?"

Call. "Of course."

Soc. "Presumably it is not the case that at the
same time he is healthy in the same respect, in his eyes."

Call. "No way."

Soc. "What about when he has an abatement of
ophthalmia? Can he at that time also have an abatement
of health in his eyes, so that he ends up in a state of
simultaneous abatement of both?"

Call. "Hardly!"

Soc. "That leads to a surprising and nonsensical
result, right?"

Call. "Very much so."

Soc. "But I fancy he can take on and lose either
of them in turns."

Call. "I affirm that."

Soc. "And isn't it similar with strength and
weakness?"

Call. "Yes."

Soc. "And speed and slowness?"

Call. "Quite."

¹ ἀπολλύει BTPY : ἀπολύει F : ἀπόλλυσι *coni.* Hirschig : ἀπαλλάττεται
coni. Coraes.

ΣΩ. ἥ καὶ τὰγαθὰ καὶ τὴν εὐδαιμονίαν καὶ τὰναντία
τούτων, κακὰ τε καὶ ἀθλιότητα, ἐν μέρει λαμβάνει καὶ ἐν
μέρει ἀπαλλάττεται ἑκατέρου;

ΚΑΛ. πάντως δήπου. [c]

ΣΩ. ἐὰν εὖρωμεν ἄρα ἅττα ὧν ἅμα τε ἀπαλλάττεται
ἄνθρωπος καὶ ἅμα ἔχει, δῆλον ὅτι ταῦτά γε οὐκ ἂν εἴη τό τε
ἀγαθὸν καὶ τὸ κακόν. ὁμολογοῦμεν ταῦτα; καὶ εὖ μάλα
σκεψάμενος ἀποκρίνου.

ΚΑΛ. ἀλλ' ὑπερφυῶς ὥς ὁμολογῶ.

ΣΩ. ἴθι δὴ ἐπὶ τὰ ἔμπροσθεν ὁμολογημένα. τὸ
πεινῆν ἔλεγες πότερον ἡδὺ ἢ ἀνιαρὸν εἶναι; αὐτὸ λέγω τὸ
πεινῆν.

ΚΑΛ. ἀνιαρὸν ἔγωγε· τὸ μέντοι πεινῶντα ἐσθίειν
ἡδὺ λέγω.¹ [d]

ΣΩ. μανθάνω· ἀλλ' οὖν τό γε πεινῆν αὐτὸ ἀνιαρόν.
ἢ οὐχί;

ΚΑΛ. φημί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ τὸ διψῆν;

ΚΑΛ. σφόδρα γε.

ΣΩ. πότερον οὖν ἔτι πλείω ἐρωτῶ, ἢ ὁμολογεῖς
ἅπασαν ἔνδειαν καὶ ἐπιθυμίαν ἀνιαρὸν εἶναι;

ΚΑΛ. ὁμολογῶ, ἀλλὰ μὴ ἐρώτα.

¹ καὶ ἐγὼ BTPF [*Socrati tribuens*] : ἐγὼ Ξ1Υ : ἔγωγε [*Callici*] μανθάνω
[*Socrati*] Ξ1² Ξ2 Steph. : *secl.* Ficinus [*ut vid.*] : λέγω *post* ἡδὺ [*Callici*]
coni. Stallb. : καλῶ *post* ἡδὺ *coni.* Badham [*Callici*].

Soc. “How about good things and happiness, and
their opposites, bad things and misery? Does one get the
one at one moment and lose it at another, in the case of
both these?”

Call. “Surely, I think.”

Soc. “And so if we find things which a man can
be relieved of and in possession of at the same time, it is
clear that they cannot be the good and the bad. Are we in
agreement as to that? Think hard and well about it before
you answer.”

Call. “But I overwhelmingly agree!”

Soc. “Then come, let’s review what we have
agreed to before. Being hungry: did you say it was
pleasurable or painful? Being hungry considered in
itself.”

Call. “I said painful, though eating when hungry
is pleasurable.”

Soc. “I get that, but in any event being hungry in
itself is painful? Or not?”

Call. “Painful.”

Soc. “Likewise with being thirsty?”

Call. “Very painful.”

Soc. “Am I to ask more along these lines or do
you agree that any and every lack and desire is painful?”

Call. “I agree: no need to ask.”

ΣΩ. εἶεν· διψῶντα δὲ δὴ πίνειν ἄλλο τι ἢ¹ ἡδὺ φῆς εἶναι;

ΚΑΛ. ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν τούτου οὗ λέγεις τὸ μὲν διψῶντα λυπούμενον δῆπου ἐστίν; [e]

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. τὸ δὲ πίνειν πλήρωσίς² τε τῆς ἐνδείας καὶ ἡδονή;

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν κατὰ τὸ πίνειν χαίρειν λέγεις;

ΚΑΛ. μάλιστα.³

ΣΩ. διψῶντά γε.

ΚΑΛ. φημί.

ΣΩ. λυπούμενον;

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. αἰσθάνη οὖν τὸ συμβαῖνον, ὅτι λυπούμενον χαίρειν λέγεις ἅμα, ὅταν διψῶντα πίνειν λέγῃς; ἢ οὐχ ἅμα τοῦτο γίνεται κατὰ τὸν αὐτὸν τρόπον καὶ χρόνον⁴ εἴτε ψυχῆς εἴτε σώματος βούλει; οὐδὲν γάρ μοι⁵ διαφέρει. ἔστι ταῦτα ἢ οὐ;

1 ἢ] *secl.* Bekker.

2 πλήρωσίς F : πλήρης BTP : πλήρη W.

3 γε φημι mss. : δέ φης B[*apud* Heindorf] Ficinus : γε φης Za Steph. : δὲ *coni.* Ast.

4 τρόπον καὶ χρόνον BTWf : τρόπον *post lacunam* F : καὶ χρόνον *secl.* Dodds : χρόνον καὶ τρόπον *coni.* Richards.

5 γάρ μοι F : γὰρ οἶμαι BTPf.

Soc. “Alright then. As to drinking when one is thirsty: do you say that is anything but pleasurable?”

Call. “Agreed.”

Soc. “Presumably, the ‘when thirsty’ in your expression ‘drinking when thirsty’ means when being pained?”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “Whereas the ‘drinking’ part of it, on the other hand, is a filling of the lack and a pleasure?”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “So it is in reference to his drinking that you say he is enjoying.”

Call. “Exactly.”

Soc. “Assuming ‘when thirsty’.”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “That is, when pained?”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “Do you see the implication? When you say ‘drinking when thirsty’ you are saying that when pained he is at the same time enjoying. Or is it not happening at the same place and time, whether in the sphere of the soul or the body, as you wish – myself, I don’t care which. Is this true or not?”

ΚΑΛ. ἔστιν.

ΣΩ. ἀλλὰ μὴν εὖ γε πράττοντα κακῶς [497]
πράττειν ἅμα ἀδύνατον ἔφης¹ εἶναι.

ΚΑΛ. φημί γάρ.

ΣΩ. ἀνιώμενον δέ γε χαίρειν δυνατὸν ὁμολόγηκας.

ΚΑΛ. φαίνεται.

ΣΩ. οὐκ ἄρα τὸ χαίρειν ἐστὶν εὖ πράττειν οὐδὲ τὸ
ἀνιᾶσθαι κακῶς, ὥστε ἕτερον γίγνεται τὸ ἡδὺ τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ.

ΚΑΛ. οὐκ οἶδ' ἅττα σοφίζῃ, ὦ Σώκρατες.

ΣΩ. οἴσθα, ἀλλὰ ἀκκίζῃ, ὦ Καλλίκλεις· καὶ πρόιθι
γε ἔτι εἰς τὸ ἔμπροσθεν ...

ΚΑΛ. ὅτι ἔχων ληρεῖς;²

ΣΩ. ἵνα εἰδῇς³ ὥς σοφὸς [b] ὢν με νουθετεῖς. οὐχ
ἅμα διψῶν τε ἕκαστος ἡμῶν πέπαυται καὶ ἅμα ἡδόμενος
διὰ τοῦ πίνειν;

ΚΑΛ. οὐκ οἶδα ὅτι λέγεις.

ΓΟΡΓΙΑΣ. μηδαμῶς, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, ἀλλ' ἀποκρίνου
καὶ⁴ ἡμῶν ἔνεκα, ἵνα περανθῶσιν οἱ λόγοι.

ΚΑΛ. ἀλλ' αἰ τοιοῦτός ἐστιν Σωκράτης, ὦ Γοργία·
σμικρὰ καὶ ὀλίγου ἄξια ἀνερωτᾷ καὶ ἐξελέγχει.

1 ἔφης] φῆς *coni.* Baiter.

2 ὅτι ἔχων ληρεῖς BTWF Procl. *Callicli autem tribuens : secl.*
Schliermacher Burnet Wilamowitz : *post λέγεις transposuit* Hermann :
post νουθετεῖς [B1] Lamberton : *post οἶδα* [B3] Heindorf ὅτι λέγεις
delens || καὶ πρόιθι ... νουθετεῖς *Callicli trib.* Hirschig.

3 εἰδῇς BTP : ἰδῇς F.

4 καὶ] *om.* NFlorY.

Call. "It is true."

Soc. "And yet you averred it is impossible to be
doing badly (497) while doing well."

Call. "And I do aver it."

Soc. "And yet to be enjoying while being in pain
you have now agreed is possible."

Call. "So it seems."

Soc. "That implies that enjoying is not doing
well and being in pain is not doing badly, so that the
pleasurable turns out to be different from the good."

Call. "I don't see what all this cleverness is
about, dear Socrates."

Soc. "You do see but no doubt you play dumb,
dear Callicles – but move on to the next step..."

Call. "Seeing that you are continuing to babble?"

Soc. "...so that you may see how clever you are
to scold me: Isn't it the case that one stops being thirsty
at the very same moment one stops having the pleasure
that comes through drinking?"

Call. "What's the case is that I don't know what
you are talking about!"

GORGAS: "Quit that, Callicles! Answer for our
sakes at least, so that our conversation can be
completed."

Call. "But this is how Socrates always is,
Gorgias, pressing his worthless little questions to defeat
his interlocutor."

ΓΟΡ. ἀλλὰ τί σοὶ διαφέρει; πάντως οὐ σὴ αὕτη ἡ τιμή,¹ ὃ Καλλίκλεις· ἀλλ' ὑπόσχες Σωκράτει ἐξελέγξαι ὅπως ἂν βούληται. [c]

ΚΑΛ. Ἐρώτα δὴ σὺ τὰ σμικρά τε καὶ στενὰ ταῦτα, ἐπεὶπερ Γοργία δοκεῖ οὕτως.²

ΣΩ. εὐδαίμων εἶ, ὃ Καλλίκλεις, ὅτι τὰ μεγάλα μεμύησαι πρὶν τὰ σμικρά· ἐγὼ δ' οὐκ ὥμην θεμιτὸν εἶναι. ὅθεν οὖν ἀπέλιπες ἀποκρίνου, εἰ οὐχ ἅμα παύεται διψῶν ἕκαστος ἡμῶν καὶ ἡδόμενος.

ΚΑΛ. φημί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ πεινῶν καὶ τῶν ἄλλων ἐπιθυμιῶν καὶ ἡδονῶν ἅμα παύεται;

ΚΑΛ. ἔστι ταῦτα.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ τῶν λυπῶν [d] καὶ τῶν ἡδονῶν ἅμα παύεται;

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. ἀλλὰ μὴν τῶν ἀγαθῶν γε³ καὶ κακῶν οὐχ ἅμα παύεται, ὥς σὺ ὠμολόγεις;

... νῦν δὲ οὐχ ὁμολογεῖς;

ΚΑΛ. ἔγωγε· τί οὖν δῆ;

ΣΩ. ὅτι⁴ οὐ τὰ αὐτὰ⁵ γίγνεται, ὃ φίλε, τὰγαθὰ τοῖς ἡδέσιν οὐδὲ τὰ κακὰ τοῖς ἀνιαροῖς. τῶν μὲν γὰρ ἅμα

1 οὐ σὴ αὕτη TWPF : οὔση αὕτη ἡ τιμή B (cf. οὐ γὰρ σὴ ἐστὶν αὕτη Olymp.[π]).

2 οὕτως Callicli tribuens F : Socrati BTWP Ficinus.

3 γε F : om. BTWPY.

4 ὅτι BTP : om. F.

5 οὐ τὰ αὐτὰ WYPF : οὐ ταὐτὰ t : οὐ ταῦτα T : αὐτὰ B.

Gorg. “What difference does that make to you? No way does it affect our estimation of *you*. Just bear up under Socrates as he contrives whatever ‘defeat’ he is trying to contrive.”

Call. “Go ahead, you, and ask these small and tight questions of yours, since Gorgias says so.”

Soc. “Happy you are, Callicles, that you have been initiated into the larger questions before the smaller – I didn’t think it worked that way. So, answer from the point where you left off: whether it is at the same moment that any of us stops feeling thirst and feeling pleasure.”

Call. “I say that it is.”

Soc. “And does one also stop feeling hunger and leave behind the other desires and pleasures at the same moment?”

Call. “That is the case.”

Soc. “And pains and pleasures one leaves behind at the same moment?”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “And yet goods and evils one does not leave behind at the same moment, as you agreed ... but do you not agree, now?”

Call. “I do agree – what of it?”

Soc. “That it entails, my friend, that the goods are not the same as the pleasurable, nor the bads the same as what hurts. One leaves the one pair behind at the

παύεται, τῶν δὲ οὐ, ὥς ἐτέρων ὄντων.¹ πῶς οὖν ταῦτα ἂν εἶη τὰ ἡδέα τοῖς ἀγαθοῖς ἢ τὰ ἀνιαρὰ τοῖς κακοῖς; ἐὰν δὲ βούλῃ, καὶ τῇδε² ἐπίσκεψαι (οἶμαι γὰρ σοι οὐδὲ ταύτη [e] ὁμολογεῖσθαι· ἄθρει δέ³)· τοὺς ἀγαθοὺς οὐχὶ ἀγαθῶν παρουσίᾳ ἀγαθοὺς καλεῖς, ὥσπερ τοὺς καλοὺς οἷς⁴ ἂν κάλλος παρῇ;

ΚΑΛ. ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. τί δαί;⁵ ἀγαθοὺς ἄνδρας καλεῖς ἄφρονας⁶ καὶ δειλοὺς; οὐ γὰρ ἄρτι γε, ἀλλὰ τοὺς ἀνδρείους καὶ φρονίμους ἔλεγες· ἢ οὐ τούτους ἀγαθοὺς καλεῖς;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ μὲν οὖν.

ΣΩ. τί δέ; παῖδα ἀνόητον χαίροντα ἤδη εἶδες;

ΚΑΛ. ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. ἄνδρα δὲ οὕτω εἶδες ἀνόητον χαίροντα;

ΚΑΛ. οἶμαι ἔγωγε· ἀλλὰ τί τοῦτο;

[498] ΣΩ. οὐδέν· ἀλλ' ἀποκρίνου.

ΚΑΛ. εἶδον.

ΣΩ. τί δέ; νοῦν ἔχοντα λυπούμενον καὶ χαίροντα;

ΚΑΛ. φημί.

ΣΩ. πότεροι⁷ δὲ μᾶλλον χαίρουσι καὶ λυποῦνται, οἱ φρόνιμοι ἢ οἱ ἄφρονες;

1 ὥς ἐτέρων ὄντων] *secl.* Deuschle (1859).

2 τῇδε TWPF : τήνδε B.

3 δέ BF : δὴ TPWf.

4 τοὺς] *secl.* Hirschig.

5 τί δαί B² : τί δέ mss.

6 ἄφρονες BTWYF : τοὺς ἄφρονες Par².

7 πότεροι FY : πότερον BTW.

same moment but not the other pair – seeing them to be different from one another. So how could what is pleasurable be the same as what is good or what's painful be the same as what's bad?

“If you want, I have another way to investigate it as follows – for it seems that even by that way the refutation does not reach your agreement – but look into this nevertheless: Isn't it by virtue of the presence of good things that you call your good men good, just as you call beautiful those to whom beauty is present?”

Call. “I do.”

Soc. “But really, do you call foolish and cowardly men good? You didn't a moment ago, when you were calling the brave and intelligent good.

“... Or do you not call these good?”

Call. “No but I do.”

Soc. “And this: have you ever witnessed a mindless child feeling joy?”

Call. “I have.”

Soc. “And have you never yet witnessed a mindless man feeling joy?”

Call. “I suppose I have, but what's all this you're up to?” (498)

Soc. “Never mind, just answer.”

Call. “I have.”

Soc. “What about a mindful man feeling pain and feeling joy?”

Call. “I have.”

Soc. “Which of the two are more joyful or pained, the intelligent ones or the mindless ones?”

ΚΑΛ. οἶμαι ἔγωγε οὐ πολὺ τι διαφέρειν.

ΣΩ. ἀλλ' ἄρκεϊ καὶ τοῦτο. ἐν πολέμῳ δὲ ἤδη εἶδες
ἄνδρα δειλόν;

ΚΑΛ. πῶς γὰρ οὐ;

ΣΩ. τί οὖν; ἀπιόντων τῶν πολεμίων πότεροί σοι
ἐδόκουν μᾶλλον χαίρειν, οἱ δειλοὶ ἢ οἱ ἀνδρεῖοι;

ΚΑΛ. ἀμφοτέρω ἔμοιγε [b] μᾶλλον.¹ εἰ δὲ μή,
παραπλησίως γε.

ΣΩ. οὐδὲν διαφέρει. χαίρουσιν δ' οὖν καὶ οἱ δειλοὶ;

ΚΑΛ. σφόδρα γε.

ΣΩ. καὶ οἱ ἄφρονες, ὥς ἔοικεν.²

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. προσιόντων δὲ οἱ δειλοὶ μόνον³ λυποῦνται ἢ καὶ
οἱ ἀνδρεῖοι;

ΚΑΛ. ἀμφοτέρω.

ΣΩ. ἄρα ὁμοίως;

ΚΑΛ. μᾶλλον ἴσως οἱ δειλοί.

ΣΩ. ἀπιόντων δ' οὐ μᾶλλον χαίρουσιν;

ΚΑΛ. ἴσως.

1 μᾶλλον BTPF : *om.* Za teste Cantarín Zb teste Dodds : *secl.* Hermann :
ὁμοίως *coni.* Sauppe Gercke) || δ' ἴσως οἱ δειλοὶ *post* μᾶλλον *addit*
Hermann *lacunam notans* : χαίρειν, ἴσως δ' ἐκεῖνοί γε *ante* μᾶλλον *add.*
Dodds "*exempli gratia*".

2 ΣΩ. καὶ οἱ ἄφρονες, ὥς ἔοικεν. – ΚΑ. ναί *secl. re vera* Sauppe.

3 μόνον BTPf : μόνοι F (*coniecerat* Hirschig).

Call. "To me there doesn't seem much difference."

Soc. "But that's enough. In war have you ever witnessed a man being cowardly?"

Call. "Of course."

Soc. "And when the enemy is receding which do you think the more joyful, the cowardly or the brave?"

Call. "I don't think the more of either, though presumably their reactions are about equal."

Soc. "It doesn't matter: In any event, the cowardly do rejoice."

Call. "Definitely."

Soc. "And so do the mindless, it seems."

Call. "Yes."

Soc. "And when the enemy approaches, is it only the cowardly who are pained, or the brave as well?"

Call. "Both."

Soc. "Equally?"

Call. "Maybe the cowardly somewhat more."

Soc. "And when they are receding do the latter not feel greater joy?"

Call. "Maybe they do."

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν λυποῦνται μὲν καὶ χαίρουσιν καὶ οἱ ἄφρονες καὶ οἱ φρόνιμοι καὶ οἱ δειλοὶ καὶ οἱ ἀνδρεῖοι παραπλησίως, [c] ὥς σὺ φῆς, μᾶλλον δὲ οἱ δειλοὶ τῶν ἀνδρείων;

ΚΑΛ. φημί.

ΣΩ. ἀλλὰ μὴν οἷ γε φρόνιμοι καὶ οἱ¹ ἀνδρεῖοι ἀγαθοί, οἱ δὲ δειλοὶ καὶ ἄφρονες κακοί;

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. παραπλησίως ἄρα χαίρουσιν καὶ λυποῦνται οἱ ἀγαθοὶ καὶ οἱ κακοί;

ΚΑΛ. φημί.

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν παραπλησίως εἰσὶν ἀγαθοὶ καὶ κακοὶ οἱ ἀγαθοὶ τε καὶ οἱ² κακοί; ἢ καὶ ἔτι μᾶλλον ἀγαθοὶ οἱ ἀγαθοὶ καὶ κακοὶ εἰσὶν οἱ κακοί,³ [d]

ΚΑΛ. ἀλλὰ μὰ Δί' οὐκ οἶδ' ὅτι λέγεις.

ΣΩ. οὐκ οἶσθ' ὅτι τοὺς ἀγαθοὺς ἀγαθῶν φῆς παρουσίᾳ εἶναι ἀγαθούς, καὶ⁴ κακοὺς δὲ κακῶν; τὰ δὲ ἀγαθὰ εἶναι τὰς ἡδονάς, κακὰ δὲ τὰς ἀνίας;

ΚΑΛ. ἔγωγε.

1 οἱ ἀνδρεῖοι BTW : ἀνδρεῖοι PF.

2 καὶ οἱ BTPF : καὶ W Steph.

3 ἢ καὶ ἔτι μᾶλλον ἀγαθοὶ οἱ ἀγαθοὶ καὶ κακοὶ εἰσὶν οἱ κακοὶ Twf : ἢ καὶ ἔτι μᾶλλον ἀγαθοὶ οἱ ἀγαθοὶ καὶ οἱ κακοὶ εἰσὶν οἱ κακοὶ B : ἢ καὶ ἔτι μᾶλλον καὶ ἀγαθοὶ καὶ κακοὶ εἰσὶν οἱ κακοὶ F (καὶ *post* ἢ *deest* Par) : ἢ καὶ ἔτι μᾶλλον ἀγαθοὶ καὶ κακοὶ εἰσὶν οἱ κακοὶ *coni.* Heindorf : ἢ καὶ ἔτι μᾶλλον ἀγαθοὶ οἱ κακοὶ εἰσὶν καὶ κακοὶ οἱ ἀγαθοὶ *coni.* Ast(1832) : ἢ καὶ ἔτι μᾶλλον ἀγαθοὶ εἰσὶν οἱ κακοὶ *coni.* Schmidt : ἢ καὶ ἔτι μᾶλλον ἀγαθοὶ οἱ κακοὶ *coni.* Liebhold (Christ) : ἢ καὶ ἔτι μᾶλλον οἱ κακοὶ *coni.* Hirschig.

4 καὶ κακοὺς F : κακοὺς BTWYP : τοὺς κακοὺς f NFlorV Ast(1832).

Soc. “So when it comes to feeling pain and joy, the mindless and the intelligent and the cowardly and the brave behave similarly, as you say, but the cowardly more than the brave?”

Call. “So I say.”

Soc. “And yet the intelligent and the brave are good, whereas the cowardly and mindless are bad?”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “Therefore when it comes to feeling pain and joy the good and the bad behave similarly.”

Call. “So I say.”

Soc. “Would you say that the good and the bad are good and bad similarly to each other? Or are the good still more good, and the bad still more bad?”

Call. “Wait! By Zeus I really don’t know what you are saying.”

Soc. “You mean you don’t know that you say that good men are good by virtue of the presence of good things, and likewise the bad bad by the presence of bad things? And that the good things are the pleasures, whereas the things that are painful are the bad things?”

Call. “I do.”

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν τοῖς χαίρουσιν πάρεστιν τὰγαθὰ, αἱ ἡδοναί, εἴπερ χαίρουσιν;

ΚΑΛ. πῶς γὰρ οὐ;

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν ἀγαθῶν παρόντων ἀγαθοί εἰσιν οἱ χαίροντες;

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. τί δέ; τοῖς ἀνιωμένοις οὐ πάρεστιν τὰ κακά, αἱ λῦπαι;

ΚΑΛ. πάρεστιν. [e]

ΣΩ. κακῶν δέ γε παρουσία φῆς σὺ εἶναι κακοὺς τοὺς κακοὺς· ἢ οὐκέτι φῆς;

ΚΑΛ. ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. ἀγαθοὶ ἄρα οἱ ἂν χαίρωσι, κακοὶ δὲ οἱ ἂν ἀνιῶνται;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. οἱ μὲν γε μᾶλλον μᾶλλον, οἱ δ' ἥττον ἥττον, οἱ δὲ παραπλησίως παραπλησίως;¹

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν φῆς παραπλησίως χαίρειν καὶ λυπεῖσθαι τοὺς φρονίμους καὶ τοὺς ἄφρονας καὶ τοὺς δειλοὺς καὶ τοὺς ἀνδρείους, ἢ καὶ μᾶλλον ἔτι τοὺς δειλοὺς;

ΚΑΛ. ἔγωγε.

Soc. “And so for those who are enjoying themselves, the good things are present – the pleasures – if in fact they are enjoying themselves?”

Call. “How could it be otherwise?”

Soc. And good things being present, those who are enjoying themselves are good.”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “And for those who hurt aren’t the bad things present – the pains?”

Call. “They are present.”

Soc. “And it is by virtue of the presence of bad things, you say, that bad men are bad? Or do you no longer say that?”

Call. “I still do.”

Soc. “Therefore those who are enjoying themselves are good, and bad whoever is in pain.”

Call. “Quite so.”

Soc. “And those who are doing so more are more good and more bad; and if less so, they are less good and less bad; and if equally, are equally good or bad?”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “Do you claim that the intelligent and the mindless have similar experiences of pleasure and pain, and also the cowardly and the brave – or if anything the cowards a little more?”

Call. “I do.”

¹ οἱ (ter) BTWP : οἱ F.

ΣΩ. συλλόγισαι δὴ κοινῇ μετ' ἐμοῦ τί ἡμῖν συμβαίνει ἐκ τῶν ὁμολογημένων· καὶ δις γάρ τοι καὶ τρίς φασιν καλὸν [499] εἶναι τὰ καλὰ λέγειν τε καὶ ἐπισκοπεῖσθαι. ἀγαθὸν μὲν εἶναι τὸν φρόνιμον καὶ ἀνδρεῖόν φαμεν. ἦ γάρ;

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. κακὸν δὲ τὸν ἄφρονα καὶ δειλόν;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. ἀγαθὸν δὲ αὖ τὸν χαίροντα;

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. κακὸν δὲ τὸν ἀνιώμενον;

ΚΑΛ. ἀνάγκη.

ΣΩ. ἀνιάσθαι δὲ καὶ χαίρειν τὸν ἀγαθὸν καὶ κακὸν ὁμοίως, ἴσως δὲ καὶ μᾶλλον τὸν κακόν;

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν ὁμοίως γίγνεται κακὸς καὶ ἀγαθὸς τῷ ἀγαθῷ ἢ καὶ μᾶλλον [b] ἀγαθὸς ὁ κακός; οὐ ταῦτα συμβαίνει καὶ τὰ πρότερα ἐκεῖνα, ἐάν τις ταῦτα φῇ ἡδέα τε καὶ ἀγαθὰ εἶναι;

... οὐ ταῦτα ἀνάγκη, ὦ Καλλίκλεις;

ΚΑΛ. πάλαι τοί σου¹ ἀκροῶμαι, ὦ Σώκρατες, καθομολογῶν,² ἐνθυμούμενος ὅτι, κἂν παίζων τίς σοι ἐνδῶ ὀτιοῦν, τούτου ἄσμενος ἔχῃ ὥσπερ τὰ μειράκια. ὥς δὴ σὺ

1 τοί σου BTP Olymp.[λ] : του σοῦ F : τι σοῦ Elob.

2 ἀκροῶμαι, ὦ Σώκρατες, καθομολογῶν] ἀκροῶμαι, ὦ Σώκρατες, καὶ ὁμολογῶ coni. Coraes : ἀκροώμενος, ὦ Σώκρατες, πάντα ὁμολογῶ coni.Christ.

Soc. “Put together along with me what is the upshot for us from what we have agreed. They say, you know, it is fine (499) to say fine things two and three times, as well as to inspect them more carefully. We have said the intelligent and brave man is good, right?”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “And bad the man who is mindless and cowardly.”

Call. “Quite so.”

Soc. “And we agreed in turn that the man who is enjoying himself is good.”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “And bad the man who is hurting.”

Call. “Necessarily.”

Soc. “And that the good and bad feel pain and pleasure similarly – the bad man more, if anything?”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “So the bad man is bad and good in a way similar to the good man, or if anything the bad man is more good than the good. Doesn’t this follow, and those earlier things, too, if one asserts that the pleasurable is the same as the good?

“... Isn’t all that necessary?”

Call. “You know, I have been listening to you lecture for some time now, Socrates, agreeing at each step down the line and thinking all along that even if someone grants you something only in jest you latch on to it gladly, just like a teenager. As if you actually believe

οἷε ἐμὲ ἢ καὶ ἄλλον ὄντινον ἄνθρωπον οὐχ ἡγεῖσθαι τὰς μὲν βελτίους ἡδονάς, τὰς δὲ χείρους.

ΣΩ. ἰοὺ ἰοῦ,¹ ὦ Καλλίκλεις, ὥς πανοῦργος εἶ καὶ μοι [c] ὥσπερ παιδί χρῆ, τοτὲ μὲν ταῦτά² φάσκων οὕτως ἔχειν, τοτὲ δὲ ἐτέρως, ἐξαπατῶν με. καίτοι οὐκ ὦμην γε κατ' ἀρχὰς ὑπὸ σοῦ ἐκόντος εἶναι ἐξαπατηθήσεσθαι, ὥς ὄντος φίλου· νῦν δὲ ἐπεύσθην, καὶ ὥς ἔοικεν ἀνάγκη μοι κατὰ τὸν παλαιὸν λόγον τὸ παρὸν εὖ ποιεῖν καὶ τοῦτο δέχεσθαι τὸ διδόμενον παρὰ σοῦ. ἔστιν δὲ δῆ, ὥς ἔοικεν, ὃ νῦν λέγεις, ὅτι ἡδοναὶ τινὲς εἰσιν αἱ μὲν ἀγαθαί, αἱ δὲ κακαί· ἢ γάρ; [d]

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν ἀγαθαὶ μὲν αἱ ὠφέλιμοι, κακαὶ δὲ αἱ βλαβεραί;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. ὠφέλιμοι δέ γε αἱ ἀγαθὸν τι ποιοῦσαι, κακαὶ δὲ αἱ κακὸν τι;

ΚΑΛ. φημί.

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν τὰς τοιάσδε λέγεις, οἷον κατὰ τὸ σῶμα ὅς νυνδὴ ἐλέγομεν ἐν τῷ ἐσθίειν καὶ πίνειν ἡδονάς, εἰ ἄρα³ τούτων αἱ μὲν ὑγίαιαν ποιοῦσαι ἐν τῷ σώματι, ἢ ἰσχὺν ἢ ἄλλην τινὰ ἀρετὴν τοῦ σώματος, αὗται μὲν ἀγαθαί, αἱ δὲ [e] τάναντία τούτων κακαί;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

1 ἰοὺ ἰοῦ TPWF : ἰοῦ ἰοῦ B.

2 ταῦτά Y : τὰ αὐτὰ F : αὖ BTPW : ταῦτα x editio Bas.² [teste Stallb].

3 εἰ ἄρα BTW Stob. : εἰ ἄρα PF : ἢ ἄρα conī. Sauppe : ἄρα conī. Heindorf
|| ποιοῦσαι BTWPF Stob. : ποιοῦσι ZaNFlor.

that I or anybody else no matter who doesn't believe there are better and worse pleasures!"

Soc. "Oh no! Callicles! How unscrupulous you are to toy with me so, at one moment averring the same things to be so that at the next moment you deny, in order to trick me. I have to say at the start I had no idea I would be tricked by you, not intentionally at least, for I took you as a friend; but as it has turned out I was deceived, and it seems I will have to 'make do,' according to the old saw, and 'work with what is left me' by you. It seems that your position now, as you have said, is that among pleasures some are good and some bad. Is that so?"

Call. "Yes."

Soc. "Are the beneficial ones good, whereas the harmful ones bad?"

Call. "Quite so."

Soc. "And beneficial are the ones that do some good, whereas the pleasures that do something bad are bad?"

Call. "Yes."

Soc. "Do you speak of pleasures as follows, that for example as to pleasures of the body having to do with eating and drinking that we were just talking about, if, I now infer, the one set of these producing health in the body or strength or some other goodness of the body, this one set comprises good ones, that conversely the ones that produce effects opposite to these are bad?"

Call. "Quite so."

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ λῦπαι ὡσαύτως αἱ μὲν χρησταί
εἰσιν, αἱ δὲ πονηραί;

ΚΑΛ. πῶς γὰρ οὐ;

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν τὰς μὲν χρηστὰς καὶ ἡδονὰς καὶ λύπας
καὶ αἰρετέον ἐστὶν καὶ πρακτέον;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. τὰς δὲ πονηρὰς οὐ;

ΚΑΛ. δῆλον δῆ.

ΣΩ. ἔνεκα γὰρ πού τῶν ἀγαθῶν ἅπαντα ἡμῖν ἔδοξεν
πρακτέον εἶναι, εἰ μνημονεύεις, ἐμοί τε καὶ Πώλῳ. ἄρα καὶ
σοὶ συνδοκεῖ οὕτω, τέλος εἶναι ἀπασῶν τῶν πράξεων τὸ
ἀγαθόν, καὶ ἐκείνου ἔνεκα δεῖν πάντα τᾶλλα πράττεσθαι
[500] ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐκεῖνο τῶν ἄλλων; σύμψηφος ἡμῖν εἶ καὶ
σὺ ἐκ τρίτων;¹

ΚΑΛ. ἔγωγε.

ΣΩ. τῶν ἀγαθῶν ἄρα ἔνεκα δεῖ καὶ τᾶλλα καὶ τὰ
ἡδέα πράττειν, ἀλλ' οὐ τὰγαθὰ τῶν ἡδέων.

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν παντὸς ἀνδρός ἐστὶν ἐκλέξασθαι ποῖα
ἀγαθὰ τῶν ἡδέων ἐστὶν καὶ ὁποῖα² κακά, ἢ τεχνικοῦ δεῖ εἰς
ἕκαστον;

ΚΑΛ. τεχνικοῦ.

Soc. “And isn’t it the same for pains – some of
them are useful and others are worthless?”

Call. “Of course.”

Soc. “And one should select out the useful
pleasures and pains and pursue these?”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “But the worthless ones not?”

Call. “Clearly.”

Soc. “For if you remember, it seemed to Polus
and me that it’s for the sake of good things that
everything is to be done in each instance. Does it seem so
to you, also? That the goal of each and every action is the
good, and that for the sake of the former all the rest is to
be done, (500) rather than the former for the sake of
everything else. Will you join us in this, making three
who vote this way?”

Call. “I will.”

Soc. “Therefore it’s for the sake of good things
that we must do all the rest, including all pleasurable
things, but not for the sake of pleasurable things that we
do good things.”

Call. “Quite.”

Soc. “Is just any man capable of selecting out
which sorts are good – of pleasurable things, that is – and
which are bad, or is there need for an expert in each
case?”

Call. “An expert.”

¹ τρίτων BTP et F re vera Cantarín : τουτῶν fNFlor.

² ὁποῖα] ποῖα Stob.

ΣΩ. ἀναμνησθῶμεν δὴ ὧν αὖ ἐγὼ πρὸς Πῶλον καὶ Γοργίαν ἐτύγχανον λέγων. ἔλεγον γάρ,¹ εἰ μνημονεύεις, [b] ὅτι εἶεν παρασκευαῖ αἱ μὲν μέχρι ἡδονῆς, αὐτὸ τοῦτο μόνον παρασκευάζουσαι, ἀγνοοῦσαι δὲ τὸ βέλτιον καὶ τὸ χεῖρον, αἱ δὲ γινώσκουσαι ὅτι τε ἀγαθὸν καὶ ὅτι κακόν· καὶ ἐτίθην τῶν μὲν περὶ τὰς ἡδονὰς τὴν μαγειρικὴν² ἐμπειρίαν ἀλλὰ οὐ τέχνην, τῶν δὲ περὶ τὸ ἀγαθὸν τὴν ἰατρικὴν τέχνην. καὶ πρὸς Φιλίου, ὃ Καλλίκλεις, μήτε αὐτὸς οἶου δεῖν πρὸς ἐμὲ παίζειν μηδ' ὅτι ἂν τύχης παρὰ τὰ δοκοῦντα ἀποκρίνου, μήτ' [c] αὖ τὰ³ παρ' ἐμοῦ οὕτως ἀποδέχου ὡς παίζοντος· ὁρᾷς γάρ ὅτι περὶ τούτου ἡμῖν εἰσιν οἱ λόγοι, οὗ τί ἂν μᾶλλον σπουδάσειέ τις καὶ σμικρὸν νοῦν ἔχων ἄνθρωπος, ἢ τοῦτο,⁴ ὅντινα χρὴ τρόπον ζῆν, πότερον ἐπὶ ὃν σὺ παρακαλεῖς ἐμέ, τὰ τοῦ ἀνδρὸς δὴ ταῦτα πράττοντα λέγοντά τε ἐν τῷ δήμῳ καὶ ῥητορικὴν ἀσκοῦντα καὶ πολιτευόμενον τοῦτον τὸν τρόπον ὃν ὑμεῖς νῦν πολιτεύεσθε, ἢ ἐπὶ⁵ τόνδε τὸν βίον τὸν ἐν φιλοσοφίᾳ, καὶ τί ποτ' ἐστὶν οὗτος ἐκείνου διαφέρων. ἴσως [d] οὖν βέλτιστόν ἐστιν, ὡς ἄρτι ἐγὼ ἐπεχείρησα, διαιρεῖσθαι, διελομένους δὲ καὶ ὁμολογήσαντας ἀλλήλοις, εἰ ἔστιν⁶ τούτῳ διττῷ τῷ βίῳ, σκέψασθαι τί τε⁷ διαφέρετον ἀλλήλοιν καὶ ὁπότερον βιωτέον αὐτοῖν.

... ἴσως οὖν οὕτω οἶσθα τί λέγω ...

ΚΑΛ. οὐ δῆτα.

1 ἔλεγον γάρ BTWP : ἔλεγον γάρ αὖ F : ἔλεγε γὰρ αὐτὸς Stob.

2 μαγειρικὴν BF Stob. : μαγειρικὴν κατὰ τὸ σῶμα TWPF^{marg} *testibus* Dodds Cantarin.

3 μήτ' αὖ τὰ BTWP Ficinus : μή ταῦτα F : μήτ' αὐτὰ VatQE1R Steph. : μήτε αὐτὰ Olymp.[λ].

4 ἢ τοῦτο] *secl.* Morstadt : τοῦτο *coni.* Hirschig.

5 ἐπὶ] ἔτι Findeisen.

6 ἔστιν mss. : ἐστὶν BT *teste* Schanz : ἐστὸν *coni.* olim Hirschig.

7 τε BRPf : *om.* F.

Soc. “Let’s call back to mind, in turn, the things I had occasion to say to Polus and Gorgias. I was arguing, if you remember, that acts of provision are of two kinds, one kind endeavoring to bring one to pleasure but no further than just that, ignorant of the question of what is nobler and what baser; and another kind that knows what is good and what is bad. And among the provisionings that concern themselves with pleasure, I listed the butcher’s, as a knack but not a skill, whereas among those concerned with the good I listed the doctor’s, as a skill. And in the name of Zeus-Friendship himself, Callicles, don’t get the idea that you ought to kid with me or answer any old thing contrary to your opinion, and conversely don’t take it that I am kidding in what I am saying to you. For it is plain to see that for us, what we are talking about is something than which even the least thoughtful of men could not take something else more seriously – that is, the question, ‘What should be one’s orientation in life?’ To turn toward the life you are encouraging for me, doing those deeds a ‘real man’ does, as you put it, speaking in the assembly, practicing oratory and doing politics in this way you all do politics? Or toward my kind of life, the life in philosophy? – and the question, ‘How does this life differ from that life?’ Maybe the best thing to do, as I tried to do a moment ago, is to draw distinctions, and having drawn them and having agreed with each other about the distinctions, thereupon – assuming they really do constitute two alternative lives – to go on to investigate how they differ from each other and which of the two is worth living.

“... Maybe you still don’t know what I am saying...”

Call. “I certainly don’t!”

ΣΩ. ἀλλ' ἐγὼ σοι σαφέστερον ἐρῶ. ἐπειδὴ ὁμολογήκαμεν ἐγὼ τε καὶ σὺ εἶναι μὲν τι ἀγαθόν, εἶναι δέ τι ἡδύ, ἕτερον δὲ τὸ ἡδὺ τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ, ἑκατέρου δὲ αὐτοῖν μελέτην τινὰ εἶναι καὶ παρασκευὴν τῆς κτήσεως, τὴν μὲν τοῦ ἡδέος θήραν, τὴν δὲ τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ—αὐτὸ δέ μοι¹ τοῦτο πρῶτον ἢ [e] σύμφαθι ἢ μή.

... σύμφης;²

ΚΑΛ. οὕτως φημί.

ΣΩ. ἴθι δὴ, ἃ καὶ πρὸς τούσδε ἐγὼ ἔλεγον, διομολόγησαί μοι, εἰ ἄρα σοι ἔδοξα τότε ἀληθῆ λέγειν. ἔλεγον δέ που ὅτι ἡ μὲν ὀψοποιικὴ οὐ μοι δοκεῖ τέχνη εἶναι ἀλλ' ἐμπειρία, [501] ἡ δ' ἰατρικὴ, λέγων ὅτι ἡ μὲν τούτου οὐ θεραπεύει καὶ τὴν φύσιν ἔσκειπται καὶ τὴν αἰτίαν ὧν πράττει, καὶ λόγον ἔχει τούτων ἐκάστου δοῦναι, ἡ ἰατρικὴ ἡ δ' ἑτέρα τῆς ἡδονῆς,³ πρὸς ἣν ἡ θεραπεία αὐτῇ ἐστὶν ἅπασα, κομιδῇ ἀτέχνως⁴ ἐπ' αὐτὴν ἔρχεται, οὔτε τι τὴν φύσιν σκεψαμένη τῆς ἡδονῆς οὔτε τὴν αἰτίαν, ἀλόγως⁵ τε παντάπασιν ὡς ἔπος εἰπεῖν οὐδὲν διαριθμησαμένη, τριβῇ καὶ ἐμπειρίᾳ μνήμην⁶ μόνον σφζομένη [b] τοῦ εἰωθότος γίνεσθαι, ὃ δὴ καὶ πορίζεται τὰς ἡδονάς. ταῦτ' οὖν πρῶτον σκόπει εἰ δοκεῖ σοι ἰκανῶς λέγεσθαι, καὶ εἶναι τινες καὶ περὶ ψυχὴν τοιαῦται ἄλλαι πραγματεῖαι, αἱ μὲν τεχνικαί, προμήθειάν τινα ἔχουσαι τοῦ βελτίστου περὶ τὴν

1 δέ μοι BTWPΞ1 : δὴ ἐμοὶ F : δὴ μοι Ξ1² : γέ μοι FlorNf.

2 μή. σύμφης; F : μὴ συμφῆς. BTWf *teste* Cantarín *contra* Dodds.

3 τῆς ἡδονῆς] ἡ τῆς ἡδονῆς FlorNf.

4 ἀτέχνως B²PW : ἀτεχνῶς BTF Steph.

5 ἀλόγως] ἄλογος Findeisen.

6 τριβῇ καὶ ἐμπειρίᾳ μνήμην BTPF : τριβῇ καὶ ἐμπειρίᾳ μνήμη E1E2E3 : τριβῇ καὶ ἐμπειρίᾳ μνήμη Par : τριβῇ καὶ ἐμπειρίᾳ μνήμην Vat : τριβῇ καὶ ἐμπειρίᾳ μνήμη CE1 : τριβῇ καὶ ἐμπειρίᾳ μνήμην S1YVTJQ.

Soc. “Well then I will make it clearer. Since you and I have reached the agreement that there is such a thing as the good and such a thing as the pleasurable, and that the pleasurable is a different thing from the good, and that in the case of each of the two there is a commitment, if you will, and an instrumentality for acquiring them – the one a hunt for the pleasurable and the other a hunt for the good – But first, agree or don’t agree with me so far?

“... Do you agree?”

Call. “Yes, I agree.”

Soc. “OK then, consider agreeing step by step with what I was arguing with my two associates and tell me if you judge what I was saying is true. I said that the delicatessen’s work was not in my judgment an art but a knack (501) but medicine was, arguing that the one has both investigated the nature of the thing it serves, and has investigated the reasons it should itself do what it does, and that it is able to render an explanation for each of these things – I speak of medicine; but that the other, in its alterity, of pleasure with which alone it is concerned, goes at this alone, flat out and without art, neither investigating the nature of pleasure nor what causes it, and with no method at all keeping track of virtually nothing, but by dint of experience and knack retaining only a memory of what usually works – and this is how it provides what pleasures it does. Tell me first whether you judge this much to have been adequately argued, and whether there do exist certain similar occupations having to do in an analogous way with soul, some of which qualify as artful since they have some prudential concern

ψυχὴν, αἱ δὲ τούτου μὲν ὀλιγοῦσαι, ἐσκεμμέναι δ' αὖ, ὥσπερ ἐκεῖ, τὴν ἡδονὴν μόνον τῆς ψυχῆς, τίνα ἂν αὐτῇ¹ τρόπον γίγνοιτο, ἥτις δὲ ἢ βελτίων² ἢ χείρων τῶν ἡδονῶν, οὔτε σκοπούμεναι οὔτε μέλον αὐταῖς ἄλλο ἢ χαρίζεσθαι [c] μόνον, εἴτε βέλτιον εἴτε χείρον. ἐμοὶ μὲν γάρ, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, δοκοῦσιν τε εἶναι, καὶ ἐγώ γε φημι τὸ τοιοῦτον κολακείαν εἶναι καὶ περὶ σῶμα καὶ περὶ ψυχὴν καὶ περὶ ἄλλο ὅτου ἂν τις τὴν ἡδονὴν θεραπεύῃ, ἀσκέπτως ἔχων τοῦ ἀμείνονός τε καὶ τοῦ χείρονος· σὺ δὲ δὴ πότερον συγκατατίθεσαι ἡμῖν περὶ τούτων τὴν αὐτὴν δόξαν³ ἢ ἀντίφης;

ΚΑΛ. οὐκ ἐγώ γε, ἀλλὰ συγχωρῶ, ἵνα σοι καὶ περανθῇ ὁ λόγος καὶ Γοργία τῷδε χαρίσωμαι. [d]

ΣΩ. πότερον δὲ περὶ μὲν μίαν ψυχὴν ἔστιν τοῦτο, περὶ δὲ δύο καὶ πολλὰς οὐκ ἔστιν;

ΚΑΛ. οὐκ, ἀλλὰ καὶ περὶ δύο καὶ περὶ πολλὰς.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ ἀθρόαις ἅμα χαρίζεσθαι ἔστι, μηδὲν⁴ σκοπούμενον τὸ βέλτιστον;

ΚΑΛ. οἶμαι ἐγώ γε.

ΣΩ. ἔχεις οὖν εἰπεῖν αἵτινές εἰσιν αἱ ἐπιτηδεύσεις αἱ τοῦτο ποιοῦσαι; μᾶλλον δέ, εἰ βούλει, ἐμοῦ ἐρωτῶντος, ἢ

for the best state of the soul while others neglect this so as to devote themselves, as in the case of the others, to investigate only the pleasure of the soul and by what turn of events this in itself arises, without investigating the question which of the pleasures are nobler or worse, being concerned only that enjoyment occurs, whether nobler or baser. I ask because in my judgment, Callicles, these do exist, and I do say that this sort of thing is pandering, whether about the body or the soul or any other thing for which one might cater to its pleasure with no regard for the question of the better and the worse. But you, do you posit with us the same judgment about these things, or do you say ‘Nay’?”

Call. “No ‘Nay’ from me! I yield it instead, both to help you finish your argument at last and to cater to my man, Gorgias.”

Soc. “Does this pertain to one soul but not to two or for that matter to many souls?”

Call. “No, it pertains also to two and to many.”

Soc. “And likewise, is it possible to please in one fell swoop a *gathering* of souls, with no regard at all for what is best?”

Call. “I do think so.”

Soc. “Can you say which are the professions that do this? Or instead, if you like, I will ask about them, and

1 αὐτῇ T : αὐτῇ BWPF : αὐτῇ conl. Heindorf.

2 ἢ βελτίων ex B (ἢ *legens, teste* Cantarín) : ἢ βελτίων TWF.

3 τὴν αὐτὴν δόξαν mss. : τὴν αὐτὴν δόξαν ἔχων J : *secl.* Thompson.

4 μηδὲν F : μηδέ BTWP : μὴ NFlor *teste* Cantarín.

μὲν ἂν σοι δοκῇ τούτων εἶναι, φάθι, ἢ δ' ἂν μή, μὴ¹ φάθι.
[e] πρῶτον δὲ σκεψώμεθα τὴν αὐλητικὴν. οὐ δοκεῖ σοι
τοιαύτη τις εἶναι, ὃ Καλλίκλεις, τὴν ἡδονὴν ἡμῶν μόνον
διώκειν, ἄλλο δ' οὐδὲν φροντίζειν;

ΚΑΛ. ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ αἱ τοιαίδε ἅπασαι, οἷον ἡ
κιθαριστικὴ ἢ ἐν τοῖς ἀγῶσιν;

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. τί δὲ ἡ τῶν χορῶν διδασκαλία καὶ ἡ τῶν
διθυράμβων ποίησις; οὐ τοιαύτη τίς σοι καταφαίνεται; ἢ
ἡγῇ τι φροντίζειν Κινησίαν τὸν Μέλητος, ὅπως ἔρεῖ τι
τοιοῦτον ὅθεν ἂν οἱ ἀκούοντες βελτίους γίγνοιτο, ἢ ὅτι
μέλλει [502] χαριεῖσθαι τῷ ὄχλῳ τῶν θεατῶν;

ΚΑΛ. δῆλον δὴ τοῦτό γε, ὃ Σώκρατες, Κινησίου γε
πέρι.

ΣΩ. τί δὲ ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ Μέλης; ἢ πρὸς τὸ
βέλτιστον βλέπων² ἐδόκει σοι κιθαρωδεῖν; ἢ ἐκεῖνος μὲν
οὐδὲ πρὸς τὸ ἡδιστον; ἡνία γὰρ ἄδων τοὺς θεατάς. ἀλλὰ δὴ
σκόπει· οὐχὶ ἢ τε κιθαρωδικὴ δοκεῖ σοι πᾶσα καὶ ἡ τῶν
διθυράμβων ποίησις ἡδονῆς χάριν ηὔρησθαι;

ΚΑΛ. ἔμοιγε. [b]

1 μὴ, μὴ T²WPf: μὴ BTF.

2 βλέπων] om. Γ (secl. Hirschig).

if one in your judgment falls into that category say so, or
if not say not. First, let's look at flute playing. Doesn't
this seem to you to be of that sort, to be pursuing our
pleasure and paying attention to nothing else?"

Call. "Seems so to me."

Soc. "And what about the following sorts of
things, such as cithara playing as it is done in public
contests?"

Call. "Yes."

Soc. "And what about directing choreography
and the composing of dithyrambs? Doesn't it strike you
as being that sort? Or do you have the sense that Kinesias
the son of Meles is paying attention to improving those
who hear it, rather than to what is going to give
enjoyment to the crowd of spectators?" (502)

Call. "It's clear in the case of Kinesias at least!"

Soc. "What about Meles, his father? Did he seem
to you to be considering what is the best for us when he
sings to his cithara? Or in his case was he not even
concerned with the most pleasant: it would depress the
spectators when he sang! But think about it: Doesn't
cithara playing as a whole seem to you, along with the
composition of dithyrambs, to have been conceived for
the sake of pleasure?"

Call. "I seems so to me."

ΣΩ. τί δὲ δὴ¹ ἢ σεμνὴ αὕτη καὶ θαυμαστή, ἢ τῆς τραγωδίας ποίησις;² πότερόν ἐστιν αὐτῆς τὸ ἐπιχείρημα καὶ ἡ σπουδὴ, ὥς σοὶ δοκεῖ,³ χαρίζεσθαι τοῖς θεαταῖς μόνον, ἢ καὶ διαμάχεσθαι, ἐάν τι αὐτοῖς ἡδὺ μὲν ἦ καὶ κεχαρισμένον, πονηρὸν δέ, ὅπως τοῦτο μὲν μὴ ἐρεῖ, εἰ δέ τι τυγχάνει ἀηδὲς καὶ ὠφέλιμον,⁴ τοῦτο δὲ καὶ λέξει καὶ ἄσεται, ἐάντε χαίρωσιν ἐάντε μὴ; ποτέρως σοὶ δοκεῖ παρεσκευάσθαι ἢ τῶν τραγωδιῶν ποίησις;

ΚΑΛ. δῆλον δὴ τοῦτό γε, ὦ Σώκρατες, ὅτι πρὸς τὴν [c] ἡδονὴν μᾶλλον ὥρμηται καὶ τὸ χαρίζεσθαι τοῖς θεαταῖς.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν τὸ τοιοῦτον, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, ἔφαμεν νυνδὴ κολακείαν εἶναι;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. φέρε δὴ, εἴ τις περιέλοι⁵ τῆς ποιήσεως πάσης τό τε μέλος καὶ τὸν ῥυθμὸν καὶ τὸ μέτρον, ἄλλο τι ἢ⁶ λόγοι γίνονται τὸ λειπόμενον;

ΚΑΛ. ἀνάγκη.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν πρὸς πολὺν ὄχλον καὶ δῆμον οὗτοι λέγονται οἱ λόγοι;

ΚΑΛ. φημί.

1 τί δὲ δὴ mss. : τί δαὶ δὴ B : τί δὲ vet. edd.

2 ἐφ' ὃ ἐσπούδακεν secl. Cobet || αὐτῆς τὸ ἐπιχείρημα καὶ ἡ σπουδὴ mss. : secl. Hermann Deuschle || αὐτῆς τῆς ἐπιχείρημα καὶ ἡ σπουδὴ secl. Hermann || πότερόν ἐστιν αὐτῆς τὸ ἐπιχείρημα ἐφ' ὃ ἐσπούδακεν coni. Theiler.

3 ὥς σοὶ δοκεῖ TWPF : ὥς σοὶ δοκεῖ B : ὥς μοι δοκεῖ coni. Schanz : secl. Ast : ὥς σοὶ δοκεῖν coni. Kratz.

4 τυγχάνει ἀηδὲς καὶ ὠφέλιμον] ὃν add. Hirschig || ἀληθὲς Deuschle.

5 περιέλοι F Aristides schol. B : περιέλοιτο BTWPF.

6 ἄλλο τι ἢ] secl. ἢ Becker Hirschig.

Soc. “And what about this thing judged so solemn and wondrous, tragic compositions? Is their aim, in *your* judgment, and all the elaborate fuss they stir up, meant only to give enjoyment to the spectators, or also to take up cudgels against what though it pleases them and gives them enjoyment is an evil thing, so as not to say it? And conversely in case something is unpleasant but beneficial, to present this, both in episode and chorus, whether the spectators enjoy it or not? For which of the two has the composing of tragedies been developed, in your judgment?”

Call. “This much is clear, Socrates, that it is driven more toward pleasure and to entertaining the spectators.”

Soc. “Now isn’t this sort of thing what we just now called pandering?”

Call. “Quite so.”

Soc. “Come then. If one sectioned off melody, rhythm, and meter from poetry of any kind, wouldn’t speeches result as the residue?”

Call. “Necessarily.”

Soc. “And aren’t these speeches spoken to a big crowd, even a deme?”

Call. “Yes.”

ΣΩ. δημηγορία ἄρα τίς ἐστὶν ἡ ποιητική. [d]

ΚΑΛ. φαίνεται.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν ῥητορικὴ¹ δημηγορία ἂν εἴη· ἢ οὐ ῥητορεύειν δοκοῦσί σοι οἱ ποιηταὶ ἐν τοῖς θεάτροις;

ΚΑΛ. ἔμοιγε.

ΣΩ. νῦν ἄρα ἡμεῖς ἠυρήκαμεν ῥητορικὴν τινα πρὸς δῆμον τοιοῦτον οἷον παίδων τε ὁμοῦ καὶ γυναικῶν καὶ ἀνδρῶν, καὶ δούλων καὶ ἐλευθέρων, ἦν οὐ πάνυ ἀγάμεθα· κολακικὴν γὰρ αὐτὴν φαμεν εἶναι.

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. εἶεν· τί δὲ ἡ πρὸς τὸν Ἀθηναίων δῆμον ῥητορικὴ [e] καὶ τοὺς ἄλλους τοὺς ἐν ταῖς πόλεσιν δῆμους τοὺς τῶν ἐλευθέρων ἀνδρῶν, τί ποτε ἡμῖν² αὕτη ἐστίν; πότερόν σοι δοκοῦσιν πρὸς τὸ βέλτιστον ἀεὶ λέγειν οἱ ῥήτορες, τούτου στοχαζόμενοι, ὅπως οἱ πολῖται ὥς βέλτιστοι ἔσονται διὰ τοὺς αὐτῶν λόγους,³ ἢ καὶ οὗτοι πρὸς τὸ χαρίζεσθαι τοῖς πολίταις ὠρμημένοι, καὶ ἔνεκα τοῦ ιδίου τοῦ αὐτῶν ὀλιγοῦντες τοῦ κοινοῦ, ὥσπερ παισὶ προσομιλοῦσι τοῖς δῆμοις, χαρίζεσθαι αὐτοῖς πειρώμενοι μόνον, εἰ δέ γε βελτίους ἔσονται ἢ χείρους [503] διὰ ταῦτα, οὐδὲν φροντίζουσιν;

1 ῥητορικὴ E3Lau¹Lau^s : ἡ ῥητορικὴ BTWPF.

2 ἡμῖν F : ἡμῶν BTWP.

3 τοὺς αὐτῶν λόγους B : τοὺς αὐτῶν λόγους TPWF.

Soc. “Then poetry is a kind of demagoguery!”

Call. “Seems so.”

Soc. “It would be an oratorical demagoguery. Or do you not judge the poets are doing what orators do, though in the theaters?”

Call. “So they are.”

Soc. “Thus by our own lights we have discovered an oratory of sorts, delivered to a deme of sorts, one that consists of children and women and men both slave and free, an oratory we hardly admire – for we have dubbed it ‘pandering’.”

Call. “Quite so.”

Soc. “Well then. What about the oratory delivered to the deme of Athens, and to the other demes in the cities, those that also consist of free men: how shall we characterize this? Do you judge that the orators characteristically speak with what would be best in mind and aiming for this – how the citizens might in future become as noble as possible as a result of their speeches? Or are these, too, driven toward pleasing the citizens and neglect the common interest for the sake of their own personal interest, addressing their demes as children, seeking only to give them enjoyment, paying no mind to whether they will become better or worse because of what they say?” (503)

ΚΑΛ. οὐχ ἀπλοῦν ἔτι¹ τοῦτο δ² ἐρωτᾷς· εἰσὶ μὲν γὰρ οἱ³ κηδόμενοι τῶν πολιτῶν λέγουσιν ἃ λέγουσιν, εἰσὶν δὲ καὶ οἷους σὺ λέγεις.

ΣΩ. ἐξαρκεῖ. εἰ γὰρ καὶ τοῦτό ἐστι διπλοῦν, τὸ μὲν ἕτερόν που τούτου κολακεία ἂν εἴη καὶ αἰσχρὰ δημηγορία, τὸ δ' ἕτερον καλόν, τὸ παρασκευάζειν ὅπως ὡς βέλτισται ἔσονται τῶν πολιτῶν αἱ ψυχαί, καὶ⁴ διαμάχεσθαι λέγοντα τὰ βέλτιστα, εἴτε ἡδίω εἴτε ἀηδέστερα ἔσται τοῖς ἀκούουσιν. [b] ἀλλ' οὐ πώποτε σὺ ταύτην εἶδες τὴν ῥητορικὴν· ἢ εἴ τινα ἔχεις τῶν ῥητόρων τοιοῦτον εἰπεῖν, τί οὐχὶ καὶ ἐμοὶ αὐτὸν ἔφρασας ὅστις⁵ ἐστιν;

ΚΑΛ. ἀλλὰ μὰ Δία οὐκ ἔχω ἔγωγέ⁶ σοι εἰπεῖν τῶν γε νῦν ῥητόρων οὐδένα.

ΣΩ. τί δέ; τῶν παλαιῶν ἔχεις τινὰ εἰπεῖν δι' ὄντινα αἰτίαν ἔχουσιν Ἀθηναῖοι βελτίους γεγονέναι, ἐπειδὴ ἐκεῖνος ἥρξατο δημηγορεῖν, ἐν τῷ πρόσθεν χρόνῳ χείρους ὄντες; ἐγὼ μὲν γὰρ οὐκ οἶδα τίς ἐστιν οὗτος. [c]

ΚΑΛ. τί δαί;⁷ Θεμιστοκλέα οὐκ ἀκούεις ἄνδρα

1 ἔτι BTW : ἐστι [sic] PF Ficusinus [haud simplex id est quod interrogas] : om. Γ2Zb.

2 τοῦτο δ BTWPF : τοῦτο E1NFlor.

3 οἱ] οἱ B.

4 καὶ BPWFt Aristides : καὶ ἀεὶ TE3S2YT Vat Ficusinus [semper].

5 ὅστις Zb Aristides : τίς BTPWF.

6 ἔγωγε BTP : om. F Aristides || τῷ γε BTPF : om. Aristides.

7 τί δαί T : τί δέ BPWF.

Call. “This last question is no longer black or white. There are some that care about the citizens in saying what they say, but there are some that are like those ones *you* are arguing about.”

Soc. “You’ve given me enough with that, for if at least the question is black *and* white, the one part of it would clearly be pandering and shameful demagoguery, and the other part admirable, the activity of providing that the souls of the citizens be as noble as possible and of taking up cudgels in their arguments for the noblest ideas, no matter whether these be more pleasant or more painful for the audience to hear. You at least have never yet seen oratory practiced *that* way – otherwise, if you do have such a man to mention among the orators, why didn’t you say his name?”

Call. “By Zeus surely you can’t expect *me* to be able to point to a single one of *our* orators!”

Soc. “What then? From among orators of former times can you mention one through whose services the Athenians are praised for having been made more noble from the time he began orating, they having been less noble before? For my part I do not know who it is you have in mind.”

Call. “What’s this? You don’t hear it said that

ἀγαθὸν γεγονότα καὶ Κίμωνα καὶ Μιλτιάδην καὶ Περικλέα
τουτονὶ τὸν νεωστὶ τετελευτηκότα, οὗ καὶ σὺ ἀκήκοας;

ΣΩ. εἰ ἔστιν γε, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, ἣν πρότερον σὺ
ἔλεγες ἀρετὴν, ἀληθές,¹ τὸ τὰς ἐπιθυμίας ἀποπιμπλάναι καὶ
τὰς αὐτοῦ καὶ τὰς τῶν ἄλλων· εἰ δὲ μὴ τοῦτο, ἀλλ’ ὅπερ ἐν
τῷ ὑστέρω λόγῳ ἠναγκάσθημεν ἡμεῖς ὁμολογεῖν—ὅτι αἱ
μὲν τῶν ἐπιθυμιῶν πληρούμεναι βελτίω ποιοῦσι τὸν
ἄνθρωπον, [d] ταύτας μὲν ἀποτελεῖν, αἱ δὲ χεῖρω, μή,
τοῦτοδὲ τέχνης εἶναι²—τοιοῦτον ἄνδρα τούτων τινὰ
γεγονέναι³ ἔχεις εἰπεῖν;⁴

ΚΑΛ. οὐκ ἔχω ἔγωγε πῶς εἶπω.⁵

ΣΩ. ἀλλ’ ἐὰν ζητῇς καλῶς, εὐρήσεις.⁶ ἴδωμεν δὴ
οὕτως, ἀτρέμα σκοπούμενοι εἴ τις τούτων τοιοῦτος
γέγονεν· φέρε γάρ, ὁ ἀγαθὸς ἀνὴρ καὶ ἐπὶ τὸ βέλτιστον
λέγων, ἃ ἂν λέγῃ ἄλλο τι οὐκ εἰκῇ ἐρεῖ, ἀλλ’ [e]
ἀποβλέπων πρὸς τι; ὥσπερ καὶ οἱ ἄλλοι πάντες δημιουργοὶ

1 ἀληθές *scripsi* : ἀληθής mss.

2 τοῦτο δὲ τέχνης εἶναι *coni.* Ast (1819) : τοῦτο δὲ τέχνη τις εἶναι BTPWF
: Schanz Cantarín *lacunam post* εἶναι *indicantes* : ἔδοξεν ἡμῖν – ἄρ’ ἔχεις
φάναι *post* εἶναι *add.* Dodds : τούτου δὲ τέχνη τις εἶναι YPar² Ficinus
[*huius rei* F] *vett. edd.* : τοῦτο δὲ τέχνη τις εἶη ἂν *scr.* Stender : τοῦτο δὲ
τέχνη τις ἐφάνη *vel* ὠμολόγηται *coni.* Heindorf : τοῦτο δὲ τέχνη τις εἶη
coni. Thompson Burnet : τοῦτο δὲ τέχνη τις [εἶναι] Madvig : τοῦτο δὲ
τέχνη τις ὁμολογεῖται *coni.* Liebhold : τοῦτο δὲ τέχνη τις οἶει *coni.*
Sauppe : *alii alia.*

3 γεγονέναι] *secl.* Burnet.

4 ἔχεις εἰπεῖν Par² F^{mag} Ficinus [*demonstrare mihi potes*] : *om.* mss.

5 οὐκ ἔχω ἔγωγε πῶς εἶπω *Callicli tribuens* / ἀλλὰ ... εὐρήσεις *Socrati*
BTWPar² : οὐκ ... εἶπω *Socrati* / ἀλλ’ ... εὐρήσεις *Callicli* F : οὐκ ...
εὐρήσεις *Callicli trib.* P : οὐκ ... εὐρήσεις *Socrati* Par.

6 Ἀλλ’ ... εὐρήσεις *Socrati trib.* BTWPar² : *Callicli* F.

Themistocles came to be a great man, and so did Cimon,
and so did Miltiades, and the great Pericles, who only
recently died, whom you yourself heard?”

Soc. “Only if what you on your own were
arguing virtue was, a while ago, is really true: the mere
fulfilling of desires, whether one’s own or those of
others. If this is not true but instead what we together
were forced to agree in the interim is true – that whatever
desires make a man nobler through being fulfilled, true
virtue is to fulfill these and not those that make him
worse; and true that to do this requires art – that such a
good man as that, one of these orators of yours came out
to be, are you able to say?

Call. “I know not *what* I am to say about the
matter.”

Soc. “Search properly and you will find out
what. Let’s investigate it just that way – carefully, that is.
Try this: The man of virtue, who as such speaks for the
best in whatever he says, will speak not at random but
with his eye on a certain something, won’t he? Just as all
other experts have their eyes on their own work when

βλέποντες¹ πρὸς τὸ αὐτῶν ἔργον ἕκαστος οὐκ εἰκῇ ἐκλεγόμενος προσφέρει² πρὸς τὸ ἔργον τὸ αὐτῶν,³ ἀλλ' ὅπως ἂν εἰδός⁴ τι αὐτῶ⁵ σχῇ τοῦτο ὃ ἐργάζεται. οἷον εἰ βούλει ἰδεῖν τοὺς ζωγράφους, τοὺς οἰκοδόμους, τοὺς ναυπηγούς, τοὺς ἄλλους πάντας δημιουργούς, ὄντινα βούλει αὐτῶν, ὡς εἰς τάξιν τινὰ ἕκαστος ἕκαστον τίθῃσιν ὃ ἂν τιθῇ, καὶ προσαναγκάζει τὸ ἕτερον τῷ ἑτέρῳ πρέπον τε εἶναι καὶ ἀρμόττειν,⁶ ἕως ἂν τὸ [504] ἅπαν συστήσῃται τεταγμένον τι⁷ καὶ κεκοσμημένον πρᾶγμα· καὶ οἱ τε δὴ ἄλλοι δημιουργοὶ καὶ οὓς νυνδὴ ἐλέγομεν, οἱ περὶ τὸ σῶμα, παιδοτρίβαι τε καὶ ἰατροί, κοσμοῦσί που τὸ σῶμα καὶ συντάττουσιν. ὁμολογοῦμεν οὕτω τοῦτ' ἔχειν ἢ οὐ;

ΚΑΛ. ἔστω τοῦτο οὕτω.

ΣΩ. τάξεως ἄρα καὶ κόσμου τυχοῦσα οἰκία χρηστὴ ἂν εἴη, ἀταξίας δὲ μοχθηρά;

ΚΑΛ. φημί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ πλοῖον ὡσαύτως; [b]

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. καὶ μὴν καὶ τὰ σώματά φαμεν τὰ ἡμέτερα;

1 βλέποντες]. *om.* Est.

2 ἐκλεγόμενος προσφέρει BTWPF [Schanz *lacunam autem post* προσφέρει *statuens* Burnet] : ἐκλεγόμενος προσφέρει ἢ προσφέρει Y : ἐκλεγόμενος ἢ προσφέρει *vett. edd.* : ἐκλεγόμενος προσφέρει ἂν προσφέρῃ *coni.* Hirschig[1873].

3 αὐτῶν B : αὐτῶν TWPf : αὐτοῦ P²Par² : αὐτοῦ E3ZaΞ1² || πρὸς τὸ ἔργον τὸ αὐτῶν *secl.* Sauppe.

4 εἰδός TWPf : εἰδώς [sic] B.

5 αὐτῶ BTPW : αὐτὸ F : *om.* Par *teste* Heindorf.

6 ἀρμόττειν] ἀρμόττον Par.

7 τεταγμένον τι F *teste* Ast (1832) : τε BTPW.

each of them ministers selectively to his own task, not by chance but with the goal that the job he is working on should achieve a certain shape for him. Look for example at the painters, if you will, the builders, the ship-makers, all the expert workmen, any one you wish: See how in every case they place each thing they place into an order! How each part requires the other parts to be appropriate so as to fit, so that in the end the whole work stands together as an ordered and finely arranged object! (504) Likewise the other experts but particularly those we were just talking about who deal with the body, the trainers and the doctors, give a fine arrangement and coordination to the body as it were. Are we in agreement that this is how this is, or not?"

Call. "Let's say this is how it is."

Soc. "So that once the building has reached organization and arrangement, it would be a worthy building, but if disorganized it would be a faulty one?"

Call. "Yes."

Soc. "And the same with a boat?"

Call. "Yes."

Soc. "And can we also say so about our bodies?"

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. τί δ' ἡ ψυχὴ; ἀταξίας τυχοῦσα ἔσται χρηστή, ἢ τάξεώς τε καὶ κόσμου τινός;

ΚΑΛ. ἀνάγκη ἐκ τῶν πρόσθεν καὶ τοῦτο συν-
ομολογεῖν.

ΣΩ. τί οὖν ὄνομά ἐστιν ἐν τῷ σώματι τῷ ἐκ τῆς
τάξεώς τε καὶ τοῦ κόσμου γιγνομένων;

ΚΑΛ. ὑγίειαν καὶ ἰσχὺν ἴσως λέγεις.¹ [c]

ΣΩ. ἔγωγε. τί δὲ αὖ τῷ ἐν τῇ ψυχῇ ἐγγιγνομένῳ ἐκ
τῆς τάξεως καὶ τοῦ κόσμου;
... πειρῶ εὐρεῖν καὶ εἰπεῖν ὥσπερ ἐκεῖνο² τὸ ὄνομα.

ΚΑΛ. τί δὲ οὐκ αὐτὸς λέγεις, ὃ Σώκρατες;

ΣΩ. ἀλλ' εἴ σοι ἡδιόν ἐστιν, ἐγὼ ἐρῶ· σὺ δέ, ἂν μὲν
σοι δοκῶ ἐγὼ καλῶς λέγειν, φάθι, εἰ δὲ μή, ἔλεγχε καὶ μὴ
ἐπίτρεπε. ἐμοὶ γὰρ³ δοκεῖ ταῖς μὲν τοῦ σώματος τάξεσιν
ὄνομα εἶναι ὑγιεινόν, ἐξ οὗ ἐν αὐτῷ ἡ ὑγίεια γίγνεται καὶ ἡ
ἄλλη ἀρετὴ τοῦ σώματος. ἔστιν ταῦτα ἢ οὐκ ἔστιν;

ΚΑΛ. ἔστιν. [d]

ΣΩ. ταῖς δὲ γε⁴ τῆς ψυχῆς τάξεσι καὶ⁵ κοσμήσεσιν
νόμιμόν τε καὶ κόσμον,⁶ ὅθεν καὶ νόμιμοι γίνονται καὶ

1 ὑγίειαν καὶ ἰσχὺν ἴσως λέγεις *Callicli tribuens* mss. Ficinus : *Socrati*
Routh.

2 ἐκεῖνο BTWPFΠ1 : ἐκεῖνον *coni.* Heindorf : ἐκεῖνον *coni.* Findeisen :
ἐκεῖ *coni.* Burnet.

3 ἐμοὶ γὰρ FB^{2marg.} Π1 : ἔμοιγε γὰρ B [*punctis del. corr.*] : ἔμοιγε
B²TWPF.

4 δέ γε FΠ1 : δὲ BTWP.

5 καὶ BTF : τε καὶ PWPar²f.

6 κόσμος (*vel* κόσμιον) *coni.* Kratz : νόμος mss. Iambl.

Call. “Quite so.”

Soc. “How about the soul? If it reached a
disorganization will it be worthy, or if it reached some
sort of order and arrangement?”

Call. “Necessarily, given the foregoing, this case
falls under the same account.”

Soc. “So what is the name for the thing that
arises as a result of order and arrangement within the
body?”

Call. “Let me guess: You mean health and
strength?”

Soc. “I do. And what, in turn, for the thing that
arises in the soul as a result of order and arrangement?
... “Try to find it and say what its name is,
as you did for body.”

Call. “Why don’t you take a turn answering that
one?”

Soc. “If that would please you more, I will; but
you for your part, if you judge I’ve spoken well, then say
you agree, and if not, challenge me and don’t just let it
pass. In my judgment what to call the orderly
arrangements in the body is ‘healthy,’ and from the
‘healthy’ arises ‘health’ and all the rest of the body’s
virtue. It is this correct, or not?”

Call. “It is.”

Soc. “But for the soul’s orderings and
arrangements, the name is “lawful” and “orderly,”

κόσμιοι· ταῦτα δ' ἔστιν δικαιοσύνη τε καὶ σωφροσύνη. φῆς ἢ οὐ;

ΚΑΛ. ἔστω.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν πρὸς ταῦτα¹ βλέπων ὁ ῥήτωρ ἐκεῖνος, ὁ τεχνικός τε καὶ ἀγαθός, καὶ τοὺς λόγους προσοίσει ταῖς ψυχαῖς οὓς ἂν λέγῃ, καὶ τὰς πράξεις ἀπάσας, καὶ δῶρον ἐάν τι διδῷ, δώσει, καὶ ἐάν τι ἀφαιρῇται, ἀφαιρήσεται, πρὸς τοῦτο ἀεὶ τὸν νοῦν ἔχων, ὅπως ἂν αὐτοῦ² τοῖς πολίταις [e] δικαιοσύνη μὲν ἐν ταῖς ψυχαῖς γίγνηται, ἀδικία δὲ ἀπαλλάττεται, καὶ σωφροσύνη μὲν ἐγγίγνηται, ἀκολασία δὲ ἀπαλλάττεται, καὶ ἡ ἄλλη ἀρετὴ ἐγγίγνηται, κακία δὲ ἀπίη.

... συγχωρεῖς ἢ οὐ;

ΚΑΛ. συγχωρῶ.

ΣΩ. τί γὰρ ὄφελος, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, σώματί γε κάμνοντι καὶ μοχθηρῶς διακειμένῳ σιτία³ πολλὰ διδόναι καὶ τὰ ἡδιστα ἢ ποτὰ ἢ ἄλλ' ὅτιοῦν, ὃ μὴ ὀνήσει⁴ αὐτὸ⁵ ἔσθ' ὅτι⁶ πλέον ἢ τοῦναντίον κατὰ γε⁷ τὸν δίκαιον λόγον καὶ ἔλαττον;

... ἔστι ταῦτα;⁸

1 πρὸς ταῦτα βλέπων BTWf : πρὸς ταῦτα αὐτὸ βλέπων ZaYPar² : πρὸς ταῦτα ἂ F.

2 αὐτοῦ TWF : αὐτοῦ B : αὐτῷ coni.Deuschle : δι' αὐτοῦ *excedisse susp.* Schanz [*non vertit* Ficinus] : δι' αὐτοῦ coni. Sauppe.

3 σιτία BTWPf : ἡ σιτία F Π1 Iambl.

4 ὀνήσει F Iambl. : ὀνήση BTWP Steph.

5 αὐτὸ B²TPWf : αὐτὸν BF Π1 Iambl.

6 ἔσθ' ὅτι mss. Iambl. : ἔσθ' ὅτε O1 Steph.[γρ.].

7 κατὰ γε mss. Iambl. : ἢ κατὰ γε coni. Cornarius : κατὰ δέ coni. Schleiermacher : καὶ κατὰ γε coni. Dodds.

8 ἔστι ταῦτα] ἔστι ταῦτα ἢ οὐ AugO1.

whence men become lawful and well-behaved; and these two results are justice and moderation. Do you agree or not?"

Call. "Let it be so."

Soc. "So the orator I dream of – the artful and virtuous one – will keep his eye on these matters as he ministers to the souls with whatever speeches he delivers and whatever deeds he does, and will grant whatever reward he grants and exact any fine he exacts with his mind always directed toward this: how, for his fellow citizens, justice might be instilled in their souls and how injustice might be let go; how moderation might be instilled and licentiousness let go; and how the rest of virtue might be instilled and vice might take its leave.

"... Do you acquiesce in this conclusion, or not?"

Call. "I acquiesce."

Soc. "After all, what benefit is it, Callicles, to give a body that is sick and in a wretched state a lot of food, even if the most pleasurable, or drink, or anything else, if there is no way it will be the more beneficial for the body itself, or on the contrary, according at least to a just accounting, might even be less beneficial?

"... Isn't that so?" (505)

[505] ΚΑΛ. ἔστω.

ΣΩ. οὐ γὰρ οἶμαι λυσιτελεῖ μετὰ μοχθηρίας σώματος ζῆν ἀνθρώπων· ἀνάγκη γὰρ οὕτω καὶ ζῆν μοχθηρῶς.¹ ἢ οὐχ οὕτως;

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν καὶ² τὰς ἐπιθυμίας ἀποπιμπλάναι, οἷον πεινῶντα φαγεῖν ὅσον βούλεται ἢ διψῶντα πιεῖν, ὑγιαίνοντα μὲν ἕως οἱ ἱατροὶ ὡς τὰ πολλά, κάμνοντα δὲ ὡς ἔπος εἰπεῖν οὐδέποτε³ ἕως ἐμπίμπλασθαι ὧν ἐπιθυμεῖ; συγχωρεῖς τοῦτό γε καὶ σύ;

ΚΑΛ. ἔγωγε. [b]

ΣΩ. περὶ δὲ ψυχὴν, ὧ ἄριστε, οὐχ ὁ αὐτὸς τρόπος; ἕως μὲν ἂν πονηρὰ ᾖ, ἀνόητός τε οὖσα καὶ ἀκόλαστος καὶ ἄδικος καὶ ἀνόσιος, εἴργειν αὐτὴν δεῖ τῶν ἐπιθυμιῶν καὶ μὴ ἐπιτρέπειν ἄλλ' ἅττα ποιεῖν ἢ ἅφ' ὧν³ βελτίων ἔσται· φῆς ἢ οὐ;

ΚΑΛ. φημί.

ΣΩ. οὕτω γάρ που αὐτῇ ἄμεινον τῇ ψυχῇ;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν τὸ εἴργειν ἐστὶν ἅφ' ὧν ἐπιθυμεῖ κολάζειν;

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

1 καὶ ζῆν μοχθηρῶς B²PWF Π1 Iambl. : καὶ ζῆν καὶ μοχθηρῶς BT : ζῆν καὶ μοχθηρῶς Par vet. edd.

2 οὐκοῦν καὶ F Π1 Iambl. *coniecera* Coraes : οὐκοῦν WP : οὐκουν T : οὐκ οὖν B.

3 ἅφ' ὧν BTWP : ἅ ποιῶν F : ἅ ἂν ποιῶν Iambl.

Call. “Let it be so.”

Soc. “After all, it doesn’t pay off for a man to be living with a wretched body, for necessarily his living, too, will be wretched. Or is that not so?”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “And also to satiate the desires – for example for a hungry man to eat as much as he wants or for a thirsty man to drink. The doctors usually allow it when he is healthy, but when he is sick they almost never allow him to indulge his appetites. Do you yourself agree with this much, or not?”

Call. “I do.”

Soc. “But in the case of the soul, my best of men, isn’t it the same? As long as it is vicious, because mindless and unbridled and unjust and impious, one must hold it back from its desires and not accede to its doing anything other than what will make it nobler. Do you agree, or not?”

Call. “I do.”

Soc. “For this would be the better course for the soul, considered in and for itself.”

Call. “Quite so.”

Soc. “And to hold it back from what it desires is to restrain it?”

Call. “Yes.”

ΣΩ. τὸ κολάζεσθαι ἄρα τῇ ψυχῇ ἄμεινόν ἐστιν ἢ ἡ ἀκολασία,¹ ὥσπερ σὺ νυνδὴ ᾧ. [c]

ΚΑΛ. οὐκ οἶδ' ἅττα λέγεις, ὦ Σώκρατες, ἀλλ' ἄλλον τινὰ ἐρώτα.

ΣΩ. οὗτος² ἀνὴρ οὐχ ὑπομένει ὠφελούμενος καὶ αὐτὸ³ τοῦτο πάσχων περὶ οὗ ὁ λόγος ἐστί, κολαζόμενος.

ΚΑΛ. οὐδέ γέ μοι μέλει οὐδὲν ὧν σὺ λέγεις, καὶ ταῦτά σοι Γοργίου χάριν ἀπεκρινάμην.

ΣΩ. εἶεν· τί οὖν δὴ ποιήσομεν; μεταξὺ τὸν λόγον καταλύομεν;⁴

ΚΑΛ. αὐτὸς γνώσῃ.

ΣΩ. ἀλλ' οὐδὲ τοὺς μύθους φασὶ μεταξὺ θέμις⁵ εἶναι [d] καταλείπειν,⁶ ἀλλ' ἐπιθέντας κεφαλὴν, ἵνα μὴ ἄνευ κεφαλῆς περιίῃ.⁷ ἀπόκριναι οὖν καὶ τὰ λοιπὰ, ἵνα ἡμῖν ὁ λόγος κεφαλὴν λάβῃ.

ΚΑΛ. ὥς βίαιος εἶ, ὦ Σώκρατες. ἐὰν δὲ ἐμοὶ πείθῃ, ἐάσεις χαίρειν τοῦτον τὸν λόγον, ἢ καὶ ἄλλω τῷ διαλέξῃ.

ΣΩ. τίς οὖν ἄλλος ἐθέλει; μὴ γάρ τοι ἀτελεῖ γέ τὸν λόγον καταλίπωμεν.⁸

1 ἡ ἀκολασία BTWP : ἀκολασία F Iambl.

2 οὗτος ἀνὴρ ... κολαζόμενος] *secl.* Cobet Helmbold.

3 αὐτὸ Γ²EINFlorC : αὐτὸς mss.

4 καταλύομεν BTWP : καταλύσομεν *in lacuna* f Steph. : καταλύωμεν ZaNFlorΞI¹⁰f : καταλύσομεν Steph. Ficinus [*abruptemus*] : καταλείψωμεν Y : καταλεινομεν *coni.* Cornarius : καταλίπωμεν *coni.* Buttmann : *alii alia.*

5 θέμις] θέμιν *olim coni.* Ast.

6 καταλείπειν BTWf : καταλιπεῖν PF.

7 περιίῃ Tf : περιείῃ B : περίηι PF.

8 καταλίπωμεν W *teste* Cantarín : καταλιπὼν μὲν F : καταλείπωμεν Btf.

Soc. “Therefore to be constrained is better for the soul than the sort of unconstrained license you were just now thinking to be better.”

Call. “I don’t know what you are saying, Socrates. Ask somebody else!”

Soc. “This man! He won’t tolerate being helped, even when undergoing the very thing we are talking about, being restrained.”

Call. “No more than I care at all about what *you* are saying; and the answers I gave were only for the sake of pleasing Gorgias.”

Soc. “Well then what are we going to do? Are we breaking up the argument right in the middle?”

Call. “That will be totally up to you.”

Soc. “But they say it’s not right to leave off even *stories* in the middle, before one has capped them with an ending – otherwise they will run around headless. So answer the rest, so that the argument, too, can be given a head.”

Call. “You’re so *pushy*, Socrates! May I persuade you to let this argument go – or else dialogue with somebody else.”

Soc. “But who else is willing? Please let’s not leave the argument unfinished.”

ΚΑΛ. αὐτὸς δὲ οὐκ ἂν δύναιο διελθεῖν τὸν λόγον, ἢ λέγων κατὰ σαυτὸν ἢ ἀποκρινόμενος σαυτῷ; [e]

ΣΩ. ἵνα μοι¹ τὸ τοῦ Ἐπιχάρμου γένηται, ἃ πρὸ τοῦ δύο ἄνδρες ἔλεγον, εἷς ὢν ἱκανὸς γένωμαι. ἀτὰρ κινδυνεύει ἀναγκαιότατον εἶναι, οὕτως²· μέντοι ποιήσωμεν, οἷμαι ἔγωγε χρῆναι πάντας ἡμᾶς φιλονίκως ἔχειν πρὸς τὸ εἰδέναι τὸ ἀληθὲς τί ἐστὶν περὶ ὧν λέγομεν καὶ τί ψεῦδος.³ κοινὸν γὰρ ἀγαθὸν ἅπασιν φανερόν γενέσθαι αὐτό. δίδειμι [506] μὲν οὖν τῷ λόγῳ⁴ ἐγὼ ὥς ἂν μοι δοκῇ ἔχειν· ἐὰν δὲ τῷ ὑμῶν μὴ τὰ ὄντα δοκῶ ὁμολογεῖν ἑμαυτῷ, χρὴ ἀντιλαμβάνεσθαι καὶ ἐλέγχειν. οὐδὲ γάρ τοι ἔγωγε εἰδὼς λέγω ἃ λέγω,⁵ ἀλλὰ ζητῶ⁶ κοινῇ μεθ' ὑμῶν, ὥστε, ἂν τι φαίνεται λέγων ὁ⁷ ἀμφισβητῶν ἐμοί, ἐγὼ πρῶτος συγχωρήσομαι. λέγω μέντοι ταῦτα, εἰ δοκεῖ χρῆναι διαπερανθῆναι τὸν λόγον· εἰ δὲ μὴ βούλεσθε, ἔωμεν δὴ⁸ χαίρειν καὶ ἀπίωμεν.

ΓΟΡΓΙΑΣ ἀλλ' ἐμοὶ μὲν οὐ δοκεῖ, ὦ Σώκρατες, χρῆναί πω [b] ἀπιέναι, ἀλλὰ διεξελθεῖν σε τὸν λόγον· φαίνεται δέ μοι καὶ τοῖς ἄλλοις δοκεῖν. βούλομαι γὰρ ἔγωγε καὶ αὐτὸς ἀκοῦσαι σοῦ⁹ αὐτοῦ διόντος τὰ ἐπίλοιπα.

1 μοι] μὴ QPar²E3ZaΦ *vett.edd.*

2 οὕτως F : οὕτως· εἰ BTWP : τοῦτο. εἰ *coni.* Heindorf : οὕτως εἰ *coni.* Stallb. : οὕτω ποιεῖν. εἰ *coni.* Ast || ποιήσωμεν BTPF : ποιήσομεν W.

3 τί ψεῦδος] τί τὸ ψεῦδος Ξ1.

4 τῷ λόγῳ] τὸν λόγον *coni.* Heindorf Ficinus [*prosequor ... sermonem*] : τὸν λόγον *coni.* Coraes.

5 εἰδὼς λέγω ἃ λέγω BTWP : εἰδὼς πάντῃ τί λέγω. ἀλλὰ λέγω F.

6 ἀλλὰ ζητῶ] ἀλλὰ ζητῶν O2 Ficinus [*neque enim tanquam sciens dico illa, sed verum vobiscum communiter indagans*] *coniecera* Heusde.

7 λέγων ὁ BS1YRVatΓJQ Ficinus [*si is qui mecum contendit aliquid momenti dicere videatur*] : ὁ λέγων ὁ Par C : ὁ λέγων E3 Steph.

8 δὴ BTWPf *vett.edd.* : ἤδη F Ficinus [*iam*].

9 σοῦ Heindorf : σου mss.

Call. “Can’t you go through the rest of the argument, off by yourself, or by answering your own questions?”

Soc. “Just to make Epicharmus’s thing come true in me: ‘The things before, I spoke as two men,’ I should prove able while being only one? But why even ask, when it appears completely necessary? So let’s go ahead and do it this way: Myself, I’d say all of us ought to vie to know what is the truth about the matters we are discussing and what is false, since it’s obviously a boon for all of us if the very truth of the matter comes into view, no matter by whose lights. I will go through (506) step by step how things stand as I see them, and in case any one of you thinks it is an untruth I am granting myself as answerer, you must take the floor and try to refute me. For it is not as if I presume to be speaking knowledgeable in what I am saying. Instead what I am doing is searching jointly with you, and thus if the person that argues a different position from mine brings something to light, I will be the first to grant it. But still, I propose all this only if you all do judge the argument should be pursued to completion: if you do not want this, let’s drop it as was suggested, and part our ways.”

GORGAS. “Surely in *my* judgment, Socrates, we really ought not as of yet part company, but rather your argument should be brought to completion – it looks like the others agree. I *do* myself want to hear you yourself, as you go through the rest.”

ΣΩ. ἀλλὰ μὲν δὴ, ὦ Γοργία, καὶ αὐτὸς ἡδέως μὲν ἂν Καλλικλεῖ τούτῳ ἔτι διελεγόμεν, ἕως αὐτῷ τὴν τοῦ Ἀμφίονος ἀπέδωκα ῥῆσιν ἀντὶ τῆς τοῦ Ζήθου· ἐπειδὴ δὲ σύ, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, οὐκ ἐθέλεις συνδιαπερᾶναι τὸν λόγον, ἀλλ’ οὖν ἐμοῦ γε ἀκούων ἐπιλαμβάνου, ἐάν τί σοι δοκῶ μὴ [c] καλῶς λέγειν. καί με ἐὰν ἐξελέγγῃς,¹ οὐκ ἀχθεσθήσομαι σοι ὥσπερ σὺ ἐμοί, ἀλλὰ μέγιστος εὐεργέτης παρ’ ἐμοὶ ἀναγεγράφη.

ΚΑΛ. λέγε, ὦγαθέ, αὐτὸς² καὶ πέραινε.

ΣΩ. ἄκουε δὴ ἐξ ἀρχῆς ἐμοῦ ἀναλαβόντος τὸν λόγον. ἄρα τὸ ἡδὺ καὶ τὸ ἀγαθὸν τὸ αὐτὸ ἐστίν;—οὐ ταῦτόν, ὡς ἐγὼ καὶ Καλλικλῆς ὡμολογήσαμεν.—πότερον δὲ τὸ ἡδὺ ἔνεκα τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ πρακτέον, ἢ τὸ ἀγαθὸν ἔνεκα τοῦ ἡδέος;—τὸ ἡδὺ ἔνεκα τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ.—ἡδὺ δὲ ἐστὶν τοῦτο οὗ [d] παραγενομένου ἡδόμεθα, ἀγαθὸν δὲ οὗ παρόντος ἀγαθοὶ ἐσμεν;—πάνυ γε.—ἀλλὰ μὴν ἀγαθοὶ γέ ἐσμεν καὶ ἡμεῖς καὶ τᾶλλα πάντα ὅς’ ἀγαθὰ ἐστίν, ἀρετῆς τινος παραγενομένης;—ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ ἀναγκαῖον εἶναι, ὦ Καλλίκλεις.—ἀλλὰ μὲν δὴ ἢ γε ἀρετὴ ἐκάστου, καὶ σκεύους καὶ σώματος καὶ ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ ζώου παντός,³ οὐχ οὕτως εἰκῇ⁴ κάλλιστα παραγίγνεται, ἀλλὰ τάξει καὶ ὀρθότητι καὶ τέχνῃ, ἥτις ἐκάστῳ ἀποδέδοται αὐτῶν· ἄρα ἐστὶν ταῦτα;—ἐγὼ μὲν γάρ⁵ φημι.— [e] τάξει ἄρα⁶

1 ἐξελέγγῃς BTPF Steph. : ἐξελεγγῆς fNFlor Ficinus [*conviceris*] : ἐλέγγῃς AugO1.

2 αὐτὸς] αὐτὸ Steph.

3 αὐτὸ F : αὐτὸ καὶ mss.

4 οὐχ οὕτως εἰκῇ FY² E1 : οὐχ οὕτως εἰκῇ E1² : οὐ τῷ εἰκῇ BTW Iambl. : οὕτοι εἰκῇ Φ : ὁντως εἰκῇ Findeisen : οὐ τῷ [*sic*] P || κάλλιστα] *vel* μάλιστα *coni. vel secl. nonnulli edd.*

5 μὲν γάρ BPWF : μὲν γὰρ δὴ T.

6 ἄρα BTWPF : ἄρα *scr.* Deuschle-Cron.

Soc. “Just as surely, Gorgias, would I gladly be continuing the dialogue with this Callicles here, to the point of having delivered to him Amphion’s counter-speech to the speech of Zethus. And you, Callicles, since you are not willing to join with me going through the argument to the end, still, at least, interrupt me as you listen in case you judge I am putting something badly. And in case you refute me soundly, I will not be angry with you, as you were with me: instead, you will be commemorated forever, in my world, among my greatest benefactors!”

Call. “Speak on by yourself, my worthy, and get it over with.”

Soc. “Listen then, as I resume the argument from its beginning: Are the pleasurable and the good identical? – No, not identical, as Callicles and I agreed. – Are we to do the pleasurable for the sake of the good, or the good for the sake of the pleasurable? – The pleasurable for the sake of the good. – And what is pleasurable is what by virtue of its becoming present to us, makes us feel pleasure, and good that by whose presence we are good? – Quite so. – And yet we are *good*, as are all things that are good, by virtue of a certain goodness or virtue becoming present? – I at least think that is necessarily true, Callicles. – But the *virtue* of any thing, whether a tool or a body or a soul of any animal, does not become present to it in the finest way just by chance, but rather by orderliness and correctness and by an art, whichever art is devoted to each of these things. – I at least would say so. Therefore it is by dint of orderly arrangement that

τεταγμένον καὶ κεκοσμημένον¹ ἐστὶν ἡ ἀρετὴ ἐκάστου;—
φαίην ἂν ἔγωγε.—κόσμος τις ἄρα ἐγγενόμενος ἐν ἐκάστῳ ὁ
ἐκάστου οἰκεῖος ἀγαθὸν παρέχει ἕκαστον τῶν ὄντων;—
ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ.—καὶ ψυχὴ ἄρα κόσμον ἔχουσα τὸν ἑαυτῆς
ἀμείνων τῆς ἀκοσμήτου;—ἀνάγκη.—ἀλλὰ μὴν ἢ γε κόσμον
ἔχουσα κοσμία;—πῶς γὰρ οὐ μέλλει;—ἡ δὲ [507] γε κοσμία
σώφρων;—πολλὴ ἀνάγκη.—ἡ ἄρα σώφρων ψυχὴ ἀγαθή.

ἐγὼ μὲν οὐκ ἔχω παρὰ ταῦτα ἄλλα φάναι, ὦ φίλε
Καλλίκλεις· σὺ δ' εἰ ἔχεις, δίδασκε.

ΚΑΛ. λέγ', ὦγαθέ.

ΣΩ. λέγω δὴ ὅτι, εἰ ἡ σώφρων ἀγαθὴ ἐστίν, ἡ τοῦναντίον
τῇ σώφρονι πεπονθυῖα κακὴ ἐστίν· ἣν δὲ αὕτη ἡ ἄφρων τε καὶ
ἀκόλαστος.—πάνυ γε.—καὶ μὴν ὃ γε σώφρων τὰ
προσέκοντα πράττει ἂν καὶ περὶ θεοῦ καὶ περὶ ἀνθρώ-
πους· οὐ γὰρ ἂν σωφρονοῖ τὰ μὴ προσέκοντ' πράττων;—
[b] ἀνάγκη ταῦτ' εἶναι οὕτω.—καὶ μὴν περὶ μὲν
ἀνθρώπους τὰ προσέκοντα πράττων δίκαι' ἂν πράττει,
περὶ δὲ θεοῦ ὅσια· τὸν δὲ τὰ δίκαια καὶ ὅσια πράττοντα
ἀνάγκη δίκαιον καὶ ὅσιον εἶναι.—ἔστι ταῦτα.—καὶ μὲν δὴ
καὶ ἀνδρεῖόν γε ἀνάγκη· οὐ γὰρ δὴ σώφρονος ἀνδρός ἐστιν
οὔτε διώκειν οὔτε φεύγειν ἢ μὴ προσήκει, ἀλλ' ἃ δεῖ² καὶ
πράγματα καὶ ἀνθρώπους καὶ ἡδονὰς καὶ λύπας φεύγειν
καὶ διώκειν, καὶ ὑπομένοντα καρτερεῖν ὅπου δεῖ·

this distinct virtue of each thing has its order and
decorum? – I would say so – Is it therefore a coming into
being of the distinct decorum peculiar to each thing that
confers distinct goodness upon all the things? – Yes in
my judgment. – So a soul, too, by virtue of having the
decorum principle proper to it, is better than an
indecorous one? – Necessarily. – And yet the soul that
has decorum is decorous. – How is it not to be so? – But
(507) if decorous, then temperate? – Quite necessarily.
Therefore the temperate soul is virtuous and good.

“For myself, I have nothing to affirm against all
that, friend Callicles; but if you do, please tell me where I
am wrong.”

Call. “Speak on, my worthy.”

Soc. “Speak I will. If the temperate soul is
virtuous, the one that has undergone the contrary of the
temperate soul is vicious and bad. But the vicious soul
was the mindless and unbridled one. – Quite so. – And
yet the temperate man by the nature of the case would
behave with propriety, both in regard to gods and in
regard to men: he would not be acting temperately if he
behaved inappropriately. – Necessarily that is so. – But to
behave appropriately toward men is to behave justly, and
appropriately toward the gods is to behave piously, and
one who behaves justly and piously is necessarily just
and pious. – That is true – But in fact he also is
necessarily brave, for it is hardly the mark of a temperate
individual to pursue and prosecute any more than to flee
and defend what is inappropriate, but rather what one
must, whether it be actions and men or pleasures and
pains to avoid as well as embrace, or defend and
prosecute, and have the fortitude to stand the ground he
must.

1 τεταγμένον καὶ κεκοσμημένον] τεταγμένον τι καὶ κεκοσμημένον Iambl.
2 ἀλλ' ἃ δεῖ *coni.* Heindorf : ἀλλὰ δεῖ BTWYf Iambl. : ἀλλὰ δὴ PF.

ὥστε πολλή [c] ἀνάγκη, ὃ Καλλίκλεις, τὸν σώφρονα, ὥσπερ διήλθομεν, δίκαιον ὄντα καὶ ἀνδρεῖον καὶ ὅσιον ἀγαθὸν ἄνδρα εἶναι τελέως, τὸν δὲ ἀγαθὸν εὖ γε καὶ καλῶς¹ πράττειν ἃ ἂν πράττη, τὸν δ' εὖ πράττοντα μακάριόν τε καὶ εὐδαίμονα εἶναι, τὸν δὲ πονηρὸν καὶ κακῶς πράττοντα ἄθλιον· οὗτος δ' ἂν εἴη ὁ ἐναντίως ἔχων τῷ σώφρονι, ὁ ἀκόλαστος, ὃν σὺ ἐπῆνεις.

ἐγὼ μὲν οὖν ταῦτα οὕτω τίθεμαι καὶ φημι ταῦτα ἀληθῆ εἶναι· εἰ δὲ ἔστιν ἀληθῆ, τὸν βουλόμενον, ὡς ἔοικεν, εὐδαίμονα [d] εἶναι σωφροσύνην μὲν διωκτέον καὶ ἀσκητέον, ἀκολασίαν δὲ φευκτέον ὡς ἔχει ποδῶν ἕκαστος ἡμῶν, καὶ παρασκευαστέον ἑαυτὸν² μάλιστα μὲν μηδὲν δεῖσθαι τοῦ κολάζεσθαι, ἐὰν δὲ δεηθῇ ἢ αὐτὸς ἢ ἄλλος τις τῶν οἰκείων, ἢ ιδιώτης ἢ πόλις,³ ἐπιθετέον δίκην καὶ κολαστέον, εἰ μέλλει εὐδαίμων εἶναι. οὗτος ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ ὁ σκοπὸς εἶναι πρὸς ὃν βλέποντα δεῖ ζῆν, καὶ πάντα εἰς τοῦτο τὰ αὐτοῦ συντείνοντα καὶ τὰ τῆς πόλεως, ὅπως δικαιοσύνη παρέσται καὶ σωφροσύνη [e] τῷ μακαρίῳ μέλλοντι ἔσεσθαι, οὕτω⁴ πράττειν, οὐκ ἐπιθυμίας ἔδωτα ἀκολάστους εἶναι καὶ ταύτας ἐπιχειροῦντα πληροῦν, ἀνήνυτον κακόν, λαισίτου⁵ βίον ζῶντα. οὔτε γὰρ ἂν ἄλλω ἀνθρώπῳ προσφιλεῖς ἂν εἴη ὁ τοιοῦτος οὔτε θεῷ· κοινωνεῖν γὰρ ἀδύνατος, ὅτῳ δὲ μὴ ἔνι κοινωνία, φιλία οὐκ ἂν εἴη. φασὶ δ' οἱ σοφοί, ὃ Καλλίκλεις, καὶ οὐρανὸν καὶ [508] γῆν καὶ

1 γε F : τε BTP.

2 ἑαυτὸν Stob. Ficinus [*sese comparare*] : om. mss.

3 πόλις] πολίτης Bas².

4 οὕτω] οὐ τῷ B.

5 λαισίτου *scripsi* : ληιστοῦ BT : ληστοῦ WPF.

“So, Callicles, as we have now seen, step by step, there is an overpowering necessity that the temperate man, by virtue of being just and brave and pious, is a good man in the fullest sense; that by virtue of being a good man he does whatever he does in a way that is good and admirable, that by virtue of behaving this way he is blessed and happy, whereas he who is base and does evil is a hapless loser. This latter type would be the man living in the opposite state to that of the temperate man, this unbridled man whom *you* were praising.

“I propose all this by my own lights, and assert that this is true. But if it is true, then it would appear that if one wants to be happy, he must pursue temperance and make that his practice, and must run away from licentiousness as fast as my legs and yours can carry us, and we must so equip ourselves as never to need being chastised in the first place, but that if we should, whether it be one of us or of one of our own, whether an individual or our city, we must impose the dictates of justice and chastise the person, if he is to have any hope of being happy. This, by my lights, is the target one must keep in his sights in living his life, and concentrate everything both private and public on this, at making justice as well as temperance be present in him who hopes to live a blessed life: these things to do, and not to allow his desires grow uncontrolled and then endeavor to fulfill them – an evil that knows no end! the life of a whore! For neither by his neighbor could such a man be loved, nor by a god: he is unable to share, and a person who lacks the ability in himself to share cannot have friendship. But the wise men say, Callicles, that heaven

θεοὺς· καὶ· ἀνθρώπους· τὴν· κοινωνίαν· συνέχειν· καὶ· φιλίαν
καὶ· κοσμιότητα· καὶ· σωφροσύνην· καὶ· δικαιοσύνην· (καὶ
τὸ ὅλον· τοῦτο· διὰ· ταῦτα· κόσμον· καλοῦσιν, ὃ· ἑταῖρε)· οὐκ
ἀκοσμίαν· οὐδὲ· ἀκολασίαν· σὺ· δέ· μοι· δοκεῖς· οὐ· προσέχειν
τὸν· νοῦν· τούτοις, καὶ· ταῦτα· σοφὸς· ὢν, ἀλλὰ· λέλθῃ· σε· ὅτι
ἡ· ἰσότης· ἡ· γεωμετρικὴ· καὶ· ἐν· θεοῖς· καὶ· ἐν· ἀνθρώποις· μέγα
δύναται, σὺ· δέ· πλεονεξίαν· οἶει· δεῖν· ἄσκεῖν· γεωμετρίας
γὰρ· ἀμελεῖς. ¶

→ εἰεν· ἡ ἐξελεγκτέος· δὴ οὗτος· ὁ λόγος· **[b]**· ἡ μὴν· ἐστίν,
ὥς· οὐ· δικαιοσύνης· καὶ· σωφροσύνης· κτήσεται· εὐδαίμονες· οἱ
εὐδαίμονες,· κακίας· δὲ· οἱ ἄθλιοι,¹· ἡ· εἰ· οὗτος· ἀληθής· ἐστίν,
σκεπτέον· τί· τὰ· συμβαίνοντα· τὰ· πρόσθεν· ἐκεῖνα,· ὧ· Καλλίκ-
λεις,· συμβαίνει· πάντα,· ἐφ’· οἷς· σύ· με· ἤρου· εἰ· σπουδάζων
λέγοιμι,· λέγοντα· ὅτι· κατηγορητέον· εἴη· καὶ· αὐτοῦ· καὶ· ὕεος
καὶ· ἐταίρου,· ἐάν· τι· ἀδικῇ,· καὶ· τῇ· ῥητορικῇ· ἐπὶ· τοῦτο
χρηστέον· καὶ· ἃ· Πῶλον· αἰσχύνῃ· ὧ· συγχωρεῖν· ἀληθῇ
ἄρα· ἦν,· τὸ· εἶναι· τὸ· ἀδικεῖν· τοῦ· ἀδικεῖσθαι· ὅσῳ περ· **[c]**
αἴσχιον· τοσοῦτω· κάκιον· καὶ· τὸν· μέλλοντα· ὀρθῶς
ῥητορικὸν· ἔσεσθαι· δίκαιον· ἄρα· δεῖ²· εἶναι· καὶ· ἐπιστήμονα
τῶν· δικαίων,· ὃ· αὖ· Γοργίαν· ἔφη· Πῶλος· δι’· αἰσχύνῃν
ὁμολογήσαι.↵

→ τούτων·δὲ·οὕτως·ἐχόντων·σκεψώμεθα·τί·ποτ'·ἐστὶν
 ἃ·σὺ·ἐμοί·ὀνειδίζεις, ἄρα·καλῶς·λέγεται·ἢ·οὐ, ὥς·ἄρα·ἐγὼ
 οὐχ·οἷός·τ'·εἰμὶ·βοηθῆσαι·οὔτε·ἐμαντῶ·οὔτε·τῶν·φίλων
 οὐδενὶ·οὐδὲ·τῶν·οἰκείων, οὐδ'·ἐκθῶσαι·ἐκ·τῶν·μεγίστων·

1 κακίας δὲ οἱ ἄθλοιοι BTWPF·Ficinus· κακίας δὲ οἱ ἄθλοιοι ἄθλοιοι Π2 (*ut*
vid. Cantarín)·*coniecerat*·Heindorf·; κακίας δὲ ἄθλοιοι οἱ ἄθλοιοι Ast(1819)
 Bekker.

2 δει̃ mss. ∴ δειν̃ E2NFlor f Steph. ∴ ἔδει̃ *coni.* Heindorf.

and earth and gods and men are held together in the embrace of sharing and (508) friendship and decorum and temperance and justice (and for this reason they call all the great whole a cosmos, my fellow), not of chaos and indecency. But in your case, I think you pay no attention to all this, clever man though you are: you are utterly unaware that equality – the geometrical type – among men and among gods, has great power, while you think that you must devote yourself to having more than the next man: you do not appreciate the geometry of things.

“But enough: either we must refute the argument that by acquiring justice and temperance the happy are happy and by evil the unhappy, or if this argument is true we must follow out what it implies. Callicles, every damn one of those things follow about which you at first asked me whether I was being serious, when I said one must summon into court both himself and his son and his associate in case they committed an injustice, and that this was what oratory was to be used for; and also that what you thought Polus was ashamed to grant was true after all, that committing injustice really is more evil than suffering it, to the same extent that it is more shameful; and also that the man who would practice oratory properly must, after all, be just and knowledgeable in matters of justice, which Polus in turn said Gorgias had been unwilling to admit, out of shame.

“Given all this, let’s look into what you reproach in me and whether the argument for it is correct, namely that I am really unable to be of any help either to myself or to any of my friends and family, and powerless to rescue them from the greatest of dangers, but that I am

κινδύνων, εἰμὶ δὲ ἐπὶ τῷ βουλομένῳ¹ ὥσπερ οἱ ἄτιμοι τοῦ ἐθέλοντος, [d] ἄντε τύπτειν βούληται, τὸ νεανικὸν δὴ τοῦτο τοῦ σοῦ λόγου, ἐπὶ κόρρης,² ἐάντε χρήματα ἀφαιρεῖσθαι, ἐάντε ἐκβάλλειν ἐκ τῆς πόλεως, ἐάντε, τὸ ἔσχατον, ἀποκτεῖναι· καὶ οὕτω διακεῖσθαι πάντων δὴ αἰσχιστόν ἐστιν, ὡς ὁ σὸς λόγος. ὁ δὲ δὴ ἐμὸς ὅστις, πολλάκις μὲν ἤδη εἴρηται, οὐδὲν δὲ κωλύει καὶ ἔτι λέγεσθαι· οὐ φημι, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, τὸ τύπτεσθαι ἐπὶ κόρρης ἀδίκως αἰσχιστον εἶναι, οὐδέ γε τὸ τέμνεσθαι [e] οὔτε τὸ σῶμα τὸ ἐμὸν οὔτε τὸ βαλλάντιον, ἀλλὰ τὸ τύπτειν καὶ ἐμὲ καὶ τὰ ἐμὰ ἀδίκως καὶ τέμνειν καὶ αἰσχίον καὶ κάκιον, καὶ κλέπτειν γε ἅμα καὶ ἀνδραποδίζεσθαι καὶ τοιχωρυχεῖν καὶ συλλήβδην ὁτιοῦν ἀδικεῖν καὶ ἐμὲ καὶ τὰ ἐμὰ τῷ ἀδικοῦντι καὶ κάκιον καὶ αἰσχίον εἶναι ἢ ἐμοὶ τῷ ἀδικουμένῳ. ταῦτα ἡμῖν ἄνω ἐκεῖ ἐν τοῖς πρόσθεν λόγοις οὕτω φανέντα, ὡς ἐγὼ λέγω, κατέχεται καὶ δέδεται, καὶ [509] εἰ ἀγροικότερόν³ τι εἰπεῖν ἔστιν, σιδηροῖς καὶ ἀδαμαντίνοις λόγοις, ὡς γοῦν ἂν δόξειεν οὕτως, οὐς σὺ εἰ μὴ λύσεις ἢ σοῦ τις νεανικώτερος, οὐχ οἷόν τε ἄλλως λέγοντα ἢ ὡς ἐγὼ νῦν λέγω καλῶς λέγειν· ἐπεὶ ἔμοιγε ὁ αὐτὸς λόγος ἐστὶν ἀεὶ, ὅτι ἐγὼ ταῦτα οὐκ οἶδα ὅπως ἔχει, ὅτι μέντοι ὦν ἐγὼ ἐντετύχηκα, ὥσπερ νῦν, οὐδεὶς οἶός τ' ἐστὶν ἄλλως λέγων μὴ οὐ καταγέλαστος εἶναι.

ἐγὼ μὲν οὖν αὖ τίθημι [b] ταῦτα οὕτως ἔχει· εἰ δὲ οὕτως ἔχει καὶ μέγιστον τῶν κακῶν ἐστὶν ἡ ἀδικία τῷ ἀδικοῦντι καὶ ἔτι τούτου μεῖζον μεγίστου ὄντος, εἰ οἷόν τε,

1 ἐπὶ τῷ βουλομένῳ BTP : ἐπὶ τῷ βουλευομένῳ F : *lacunam notat* Π2 : *secl.* Morstadt.

2 τοῦτο τοῦ σοῦ λόγου BTPY : τοῦτο τὸ τοῦ σοῦ λόγου F : τοῦτο τοῦ λόγου *scr.* Jahn.

3 καὶ εἰ ἀγροικότερον BTWF Olymp.[λ.] : εἰ καὶ P.

like a disenfranchised sitting duck for anybody who wants, yes, to ‘slap me in the face’ as you so petulantly put it – or strip me of my possessions, or exile me from my city, or after all that to kill me; and that to be so situated is of all things the most shameful, as your argument has it. What is my argument, you ask? One that has been said many times already though nothing prevents its being said again: I deny, Callicles, that being slapped in the face unjustly is the most shameful thing, nor for that matter being cut up, whether it be my own body or my purse, but rather that the act of striking me or mine unjustly as well as cutting is both more shameful and more evil; and add that stealing too, and kidnapping, and breaking in, and in short doing any unjust act against me and mine is a thing more evil and more shameful for him who commits the injustice than it is for me who suffer it. And since these things, having become apparent to us as being so in the previous discussion above, are held together and have tied me up with reasonings iron and adamant (509) (if I, too, may be permitted a vivid metaphor) – so at least it would seem at present –, and if you will not untie them, either you or someone still more petulant, then one cannot well argue other than as I have argued them now. For in my world the argument is always the same: I do not know how these things stand, and yet of all the men I have encountered, including present company, nobody is able to argue them otherwise without making a ridiculous fool of himself.

“So for my part I will in the meanwhile posit anew that this is how it is, so that if it is so, and the greatest of evils is injustice for the man who commits it, and it is even a greater one than this, though already the

τὸν¹ ἀδικοῦντα μὴ διδόναι δίκην, τίνα ἂν βοήθειαν μὴ δυνάμενος ἄνθρωπος βοηθεῖν ἑαυτῷ καταγέλαστος ἂν τῇ ἀληθείᾳ εἴη; ἄρα οὐ ταύτην, ἥτις ἀποτρέψει τὴν μεγίστην ἡμῶν βλάβην; ἀλλὰ πολλὴ ἀνάγκη ταύτην εἶναι τὴν αἰσχίστην βοήθειαν μὴ δύνασθαι βοηθεῖν² μήτε αὐτῷ μήτε τοῖς αὐτοῦ φίλοις τε καὶ οἰκείοις, δευτέραν δὲ [c] τὴν τοῦ δευτέρου κακοῦ, τρίτην τὴν τοῦ τρίτου³ καὶ τᾶλλα οὕτως· ὡς ἐκάστου κακοῦ μέγεθος πέφυκεν, οὕτω καὶ κάλλος τοῦ δυνατὸν εἶναι ἐφ’ ἑκάστα βοηθεῖν καὶ αἰσχὺνη τοῦ μή. ἄρα ἄλλως ἢ οὕτως ἔχει, ὦ Καλλίκλεις;

ΚΑΛ. οὐκ ἄλλως.

ΣΩ. δυοῖν οὖν ὄντοιν, τοῦ ἀδικεῖν τε καὶ ἀδικεῖσθαι, μείζον μὲν φαμεν κακὸν τὸ ἀδικεῖν, ἔλαττον δὲ τὸ ἀδικεῖσθαι. τί οὖν ἂν παρασκευασάμενος ἄνθρωπος βοηθήσειεν αὐτῷ, [d] ὥστε ἀμφοτέρας τὰς ὠφελίας ταύτας ἔχειν, τὴν τε ἀπὸ τοῦ μὴ ἀδικεῖν καὶ τὴν ἀπὸ τοῦ μὴ ἀδικεῖσθαι; πότερα δύναμιν ἢ βούλησιν; ὧδε δὲ λέγω· πότερον ἐὰν μὴ βούληται ἀδικεῖσθαι, οὐκ ἀδικήσεται, ἢ ἐὰν δύναμιν παρασκευάσῃται τοῦ μὴ ἀδικεῖσθαι, οὐκ ἀδικήσεται;⁴

ΚΑΛ. δῆλον δὴ τοῦτό γε, ὅτι ἐὰν δύναμιν.

ΣΩ. τί δὲ δὴ τοῦ ἀδικεῖν; πότερον ἐὰν μὴ βούληται ἀδικεῖν, ἰκανὸν τοῦτ’ ἐστίν—οὐ γὰρ ἀδικήσεται—ἢ καὶ ἐπὶ [e] τοῦτο δεῖ δύναμιν τίνα καὶ τέχνην παρασκευάσασθαι ὡς ἐὰν μὴ μάθῃ αὐτὰ καὶ ἀσκήσῃ, ἀδικήσεται;

greatest, if such is possible, for a man who commits injustice not to pay the penalty, then what sort of help would a man be laughable for being unable to provide himself? Wouldn’t it be whatever would avert from us the harm we could undergo that is greatest? It is inescapable that this is the most shameful aid one would be unable to provide, whether to oneself or to his friends and family, while the second most shameful applies to the second most evil, and the third to the third – and so in general: the magnitude of the given evil determines how admirable is one’s ability to provide help when it happens, and likewise how shameful it is that he not be able. Is it otherwise or is it so, Callicles?”

Call. “Not otherwise.”

Soc. “So between the pair of evils – committing injustice and undergoing it – we are saying that committing injustice is the greater evil and undergoing it the lesser. And so what should a man best prepare for himself as an aid to possess both these benefits, an aid that averts committing injustice and an aid that averts undergoing it? Is it power or will? Here is what I mean: Is it the case that if he does not *will* to undergo injustice, he will not undergo it, or that if he equips himself with *power* to avert undergoing it that he will not?”

Call. “This much is clear: with power.”

Soc. “And what about averting to commit injustice? If he wills not to do it, is that sufficient – for he simply won’t? Or against this must he be equipped with some power or art, such that unless he does learn certain things and makes a practice of them, he will commit injustice?”

¹ τὸν mss. : τὸ E3².

² βοήθειαν] †βοήθειαν† Schanz : ἀδυναμίαν Richards.

³ τρίτην F : καὶ τρίτην mss.

⁴ οὐκ ἀδικήσεται] secl. Cobet.

... τί οὐκ αὐτό γέ μοι τοῦτο ἀπεκρίνω,¹ ὃ Καλλίκλεις, πότερόν σοι δοκοῦμεν ὀρθῶς ἀναγκασθῆναι ὁμολογεῖν ἐν τοῖς ἔμπροσθεν λόγοις ἐγώ τε καὶ Πῶλος ἢ οὐ, ἡνίκα ὁμολογήσαμεν μηδένα βουλόμενον ἀδικεῖν, ἀλλ' ἄκοντας τοὺς ἀδικοῦντας πάντας ἀδικεῖν;

[510] ΚΑΛ. ἔστω σοι τοῦτο, ὃ Σώκρατες ἴσως,² ἵνα διαπεράνης³ τὸν λόγον.

ΣΩ. καὶ ἐπὶ τοῦτο ἄρα, ὡς ἔοικεν, παρασκευαστέον ἐστὶ δύναμιν τινα καὶ τέχνην, ὅπως μὴ ἀδικήσωμεν.⁴

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. τίς οὖν ποτ' ἐστὶν τέχνη τῆς παρασκευῆς τοῦ μηδὲν ἀδικεῖσθαι ἢ ὡς ὀλίγιστα; σκέψαι εἰ σοὶ δοκεῖ ἥπερ⁵ ἐμοί. ἐμοὶ μὲν γὰρ δοκεῖ ἥδε.⁶ ἢ αὐτὸν ἄρχειν δεῖν ἐν τῇ πόλει ἢ καὶ⁷ τυραννεῖν, ἢ τῆς ὑπαρχούσης πολιτείας ἐταῖρον εἶναι.

ΚΑΛ. ὁρᾷς, ὃ Σώκρατες, ὡς ἐγὼ ἔτοιμός εἰμι ἐπαινεῖν, [b] ἂν τι καλῶς λέγῃς; τοῦτό μοι δοκεῖς πάνυ καλῶς εἰρηκέναι.

ΣΩ. σκόπει δὴ καὶ τόδε ἐάν σοι δοκῶ εὖ λέγειν. φίλος μοι δοκεῖ ἕκαστος ἐκάστῳ εἶναι ὡς οἶόν τε μάλιστα, ὄνπερ οἱ παλαιοὶ τε καὶ σοφοὶ λέγουσιν, ὁ ὅμοιος τῷ ὁμοίῳ. οὐ καὶ σοί;

1 ἀπεκρίνω R : ἀπεκρίνου BTPWF.

2 οὕτως BTF : ἴσως PWNFlor.

3 διαπεράνης TPWF : διαπερανῆ B : καὶ διαπεράνης R : διαπεράνη conl. Thompson.

4 ἀδικήσωμεν] ἀδικήσομεν conl. Heindorf : ἀδικηθῶμεν conl. in marg. Steph.

5 ἥπερ BW Steph. : ἥπερ TPfL : καὶ εἴπερ F.

6 ἥδε PW : ἥδε [sic] BTF : ἥδε Steph. : τῇδε scr. Coraes.

7 ἢ καὶ] ἢ QE Steph. vett.edd. : καὶ scr. Coraes.

“... Won’t you just answer me this at least, Callicles, whether we seem to you properly to have been forced to agree, during the arguments that came before, Polus and I – or were we not – when we agreed that nobody chooses to commit injustice, but rather that all who commit injustice do so unintentionally?” (510)

Call. “So be it just for you, Socrates, so that you might get to the end of your speech.”

Soc. “And so against this, too, we must be equipped with some power or art, in order that we not commit injustice.”

Call. “Quite so.”

Soc. “What then could the art be for equipping oneself against suffering injustice or suffering it as little as possible? See if the way seems the same to you as to me. This is what it seems to me: one must himself be the ruler of the city, or even its tyrant, or else must be allied with the current regime.”

Call. “Just watch, Socrates, how ready I am to confer my praise once you say something admirable! This seems to me to be stated quite admirably.”

Soc. “Alright then, see whether this also you judge I say well. In every individual case, to me it seems a man is friendly with a man who, as the ancients and the wise put it, is like to like. You too?”

ΚΑΛ. ἔμοιγε.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν ὅπου τύραννός ἐστιν ἄρχων ἄγριος καὶ ἀπαίδευτος, εἴ τις τούτου ἐν τῇ πόλει πολὺ βελτίων εἴη, φοβοῖτο δῆπου ἂν αὐτὸν ὁ τύραννος καὶ τούτῳ¹ ἐξ ἅπαντος [c] τοῦ νοῦ οὐκ ἂν ποτε δύναίτο φίλος γενέσθαι;

ΚΑΛ. ἔστι ταῦτα.

ΣΩ. οὐδέ γε εἴ τις πολὺ φαυλότερος εἴη, οὐδ' ἂν οὗτος² καταφρονοῖ γὰρ ἂν αὐτοῦ ὁ τύραννος καὶ οὐκ ἂν ποτε ὡς πρὸς φίλον σπουδάσειεν.

ΚΑΛ. καὶ ταῦτ' ἀληθῆ.

ΣΩ. λείπεται δὴ ἐκεῖνος μόνος ἄξιος λόγου φίλος τῷ τοιούτῳ, ὃς ἂν ὁμοίητος ὦν, ταῦτ' ἀψέγων καὶ ἐπαινῶν, ἐθέλῃ ἄρχεσθαι καὶ ὑποκεῖσθαι τῷ ἄρχοντι. οὗτος μέγα [d] ἐν ταύτῃ τῇ πόλει δυνήσεται, τοῦτον οὐδεὶς χαίρων ἀδικήσει. οὐχ οὕτως ἔχει;

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. εἰ ἄρα τις ἐννοήσειεν ἐν ταύτῃ³ τῇ πόλει τῶν νέων, τίνα ἂν τρόπον ἐγὼ μέγα δυναίμην καὶ μηδεὶς με ἀδικοῖ; αὕτη⁴, ὡς ἔοικεν, αὐτῷ ὁδός ἐστιν, εὐθὺς ἐκ νέου ἐθίζειν αὐτὸν⁵ τοῖς αὐτοῖς χαίρειν καὶ ἄχθεσθαι τῷ δεσπότη, καὶ παρασκευάζειν ὅπως ὅτι μάλιστα ὁμοῖος ἔσται ἐκείνῳ. οὐχ οὕτως;

1 τούτῳ mss. : τοῦτο FW² : τοῦ W.

2 οὗτος] οὕτως conl. Schanz.

3 ταύτῃ F : αὐτῇ BTWP : αὐτῇ ταύτῃ conl. Stallb.

4 ἀδικοῖ; αὕτη F : ἀδικοῖ ἢ αὐτῇ BTPWf vett.edd. : ἀδικοῖ αὕτη conl. Heindorf : ἀδικῇ, ἢ αὐτῇ QE1 : ἀδικοῖ αὕτη ἢ αὐτῇ conl. Ast.

5 αὐτόν P Ficinus [se ipsum] : αὐτόν BTWF.

Call. “Me too.”

Soc. “Would you say that wherever a tyrant is ruling who is rough and uncultured, if someone in the city is much nobler than he, the tyrant would presumably fear him, while he would not be able to become friend to him without misgivings?”

Call. “That’s right.”

Soc. “Nor for that matter could an utterly insignificant man: the tyrant would despise him and would never take him seriously as one does a friend.”

Call. “That, too, is true.”

Soc. “So by elimination, the only logical alternative as a friend to such a person is one who has a like character, and praises and blames the same things, and thus would be willing to be ruled by and subservient to the ruler. Here is the one who will have great power in this city, here the one nobody will happily mistreat. Isn’t that so?”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “So if one of the youths in a city in that condition should consider in his mind, ‘How might I have great power and no one really would mistreat me?’ *this* it seems would be the path available to him: to train himself from his youth to welcome and be put off by the same things as the despot, and to equip himself as much as possible to be like him. Isn’t that so?”

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν τούτῳ τὸ μὲν μὴ ἀδικεῖσθαι καὶ μέγα [e] δύνασθαι, ὥς ὁ ἡμέτερος¹ λόγος, ἐν τῇ πόλει διαπεπράζεται.

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν καὶ τὸ μὴ ἀδικεῖν; ἢ πολλοῦ δεῖ, εἴπερ ὁμοιος ἔσται τῷ ἄρχοντι ὄντι ἀδίκῳ καὶ παρὰ τούτῳ μέγα δυνήσεται; ἀλλ' οἶμαι ἔγωγε, πᾶν τούναντίον οὕτως ἢ παρασκευὴ ἔσται αὐτῷ ἐπὶ τὸ οἶψ τε εἶναι ὥς πλεῖστα ἀδικεῖν καὶ ἀδικοῦντα² μὴ διδόναι δίκην. ἢ γάρ;

ΚΑΛ. φαίνεται. [511]

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν τὸ μέγιστον αὐτῷ κακὸν ὑπάρξει μοχθηρῷ ὄντι τὴν ψυχὴν καὶ λελωβημένῳ διὰ τὴν μίμησιν τοῦ δεσπότου καὶ δύναμιν.³

ΚΑΛ. οὐκ οἶδ' ὅπῃ⁴ στρέφεις ἐκάστοτε τοὺς λόγους ἄνω καὶ κάτω, ὧς Σώκρατες· ἢ οὐκ οἶσθα ὅτι οὗτος ὁ μιμούμενος τὸν μὴ μιμούμενον ἐκείνον ἀποκτενεῖ, ἐὰν βούληται, καὶ ἀφαιρήσεται τὰ ὄντα. [b]

ΣΩ. οἶδα, ὡγαθὲ Καλλίκλεις, εἰ μὴ κωφός γ' εἰμί, καὶ σοῦ ἀκούων καὶ Πώλου ἄρτι⁵ πολλάκις καὶ τῶν ἄλλων ὀλίγου πάντων τῶν ἐν τῇ πόλει· ἀλλὰ καὶ σὺ ἐμοῦ ἄκουε, ὅτι ἀποκτενεῖ μὲν, ἂν βούληται, ἀλλὰ πονηρὸς ὢν καλὸν κάγαθόν ὄντα.

1 ἡμέτερος E1²ZaJF Ficinus [*praesens sermo*] : ὑμέτερος mss.

2 ἀδικοῦντα BTPW : ἀδικοῦντι FPar².

3 καὶ δύναμιν] κατὰ δύναμιν *coni.* Deuschle : *secl.* Christ.

4 ὅπῃ F Olymp[λ] : ὅποι BTWP Steph.

5 ἄρτι BTWP : ἄρα F : ἄρα F².

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “And so by this means an immunity from being treated unjustly, at least, and acquiring great power in his city, will have been achieved, as we are now arguing?”

Call. “Quite.”

Soc. “And also from committing injustice? Or won't he be far from that if he is to be like his ruler who is unjust, and will wield great power right alongside him? Instead I imagine the opposite: that in being this way, he will be equipping himself to be able to do the greatest amount of injustice and while doing so not to pay the penalty. Am I right?”

Call. “So it seems.” (511)

Soc. “So the greatest of evils he will have in store, being corrupted in his soul and denatured by his attempt to imitate his master as well as by his own power.”

Call. “How is it that you're always twisting arguments into the opposite, Socrates. Don't you see that this imitator will be killing anyone who doesn't imitate his great original, if he wants, and will strip him of all he has?”

Soc. “I do see, my good Callicles, unless I am deaf. I hear it both from you and from Polus several times a while ago, and in fact from nearly everybody in our city. But hear me also: ‘Yes he will kill, if only he wishes to, a base man killing a man good and decent.’”

ΚΑΛ. οὐκοῦν τοῦτο δὴ καὶ τὸ ἀγανακτητόν;

ΣΩ. οὐ νοῦν γε ἔχοντι, ὡς ὁ λόγος σημαίνει.¹ ἢ οἶει δεῖν τοῦτο παρασκευάζεσθαι ἄνθρωπον, ὡς πλεῖστον χρόνον ζῆν, καὶ μελετᾶν τὰς τέχνας ταύτας αἱ ἡμᾶς ἀεὶ ἐκ τῶν [c] κινδύνων σῶζουσιν, ὥσπερ καὶ ἦν σὺ κελεύεις ἐμὲ μελετᾶν τὴν ῥητορικὴν² τὴν ἐν τοῖς δικαστηρίοις διασώζουσαν;

ΚΑΛ. ναὶ μὰ Δία ὀρθῶς γέ σοι συμβουλεύων.³

ΣΩ. τί δέ, ὦ βέλτιστε; ἢ καὶ ἡ τοῦ⁴ νεῖν ἐπιστήμη σεμνή τίς σοι δοκεῖ εἶναι;

ΚΑΛ. μὰ Δί' οὐκ ἔμοιγε.

ΣΩ. καὶ μὴν σῶζει γε καὶ αὕτη ἐκ θανάτου τοὺς ἀνθρώπους, ὅταν εἷς τι τοιοῦτον⁵ ἐμπέσωσιν οὗ δεῖ ταύτης τῆς ἐπιστήμης. εἰ δ' αὕτη σοι δοκεῖ σμικρὰ εἶναι, ἐγὼ σοι [d] μείζω ταύτης ἐρῶ, τὴν κυβερνητικὴν, ἣ οὐ μόνον τὰς ψυχὰς σῶζει ἀλλὰ καὶ τὰ σώματα⁶ καὶ τὰ χρήματα ἐκ τῶν ἐσχάτων κινδύνων, ὥσπερ ἡ ῥητορικὴ. καὶ αὕτη μὲν προσεσταλμένη ἐστὶν καὶ κοσμία, καὶ οὐ σεμνύνεται ἐσχηματισμένη ὡς ὑπερήφανόν τι διαπραττομένη, ἀλλὰ ταῦτά διαπραξαμένη⁷ τῇ δικανικῇ, ἐὰν μὲν ἐξ Αἰγίνης δεῦρο σώσῃ, οἶμαι δὴ ὀβολοὺς ἐπράξατο, ἐὰν δὲ ἐξ Αἰγύπτου ἢ ἐκ τοῦ Πόντου, [e] ἐὰν πάμπολυ, ταύτης τῆς

Call. “That’s what really gets one’s goat!”

Soc. “Not one who is thinking, given the dictates of the argument. Or do you imagine that one must equip himself for this, that he live as long as possible and practice those arts that will rescue us from whatever dangers might arise, just as the one you are suggesting I practice, this oratorical profession that comes to our rescue in cases at court?”

Call. “Yes, by Zeus – and valuable counsel it is.”

Soc. “But how, my most noble man? Does the knowledge of swimming also seem to you a high and exalted thing?”

Call. “No, by Zeus, not to me.”

Soc. “And yet this too saves men from death when they find themselves somehow in waters that call for this knowledge. Still, if this seems a minor knowledge to you, I will mention a greater one: navigation, which saves not only life but limb and one’s possessions from the ultimate and terminal dangers, no less than oratory does. And yet this knowledge, itself modest and orderly, puts on no airs as though achieving something marvelous, but while it achieved things equal to those of litigator, if it saves a man coming hither from Aegina the cost will be two obols; or if all the way from Egypt or the Pontus, for this helpful work – saving as it does all that I

1 ὁ λόγος σημαίνει] ὁ σὸς λόγος σημαίνει Par² Ficinus.

2 τὴν ῥητορικὴν] *secl.* Naber.

3 συμβουλεύων F *coniecerat* Heindorf : συμβουλεύω BTP.

4 ἢ καὶ ἡ E3NFlorLauY *vett.edd.* : ἢ καὶ εἰ F : ἢ καὶ εἰ F² : ἢ καὶ ἡ B : ἢ καὶ T : ἢ καὶ PW : ἢ καὶ ἡ L : ἢ καὶ RJ : ἢ E2 : οὐ καὶ ἡ Γ.

5 τι τοιοῦτον F : τοιοῦτον BTP.

6 καὶ τὰ σώματα] *secl.* Morstadt.

7 διαπραξαμένη F Olymp.[*λ et π*] : διαπραττομένη BTPWf.

μεγάλης εὐεργεσίας, σώσασα ἃ νυνδὴ ἔλεγον, καὶ αὐτὸν καὶ παῖδας καὶ χρήματα καὶ γυναῖκας,¹ ἀποβιβάσας εἰς τὸν λιμένα δύο δραχμὰς ἐπράξατο, καὶ αὐτὸς ὁ ἔχων τὴν τέχνην καὶ ταῦτα διαπραξάμενος ἐκβὰς παρὰ τὴν θάλατταν καὶ τὴν ναῦν περιπατεῖ ἐν μετρίῳ σχήματι· λογίζεσθαι γὰρ οἶμαι ἐπίσταται ὅτι ἄδηλόν ἐστιν οὕστινὰς τε ὠφέληκεν τῶν συμπλεόντων οὐκ ἔασας καταποντωθῆναι καὶ οὕστινας ἔβλαψεν, εἰδὼς ὅτι οὐδὲν [512] αὐτοὺς βελτίους ἐξεβίβασεν ἢ οἷοι² ἐνέβησαν, οὔτε τὰ σώματα οὔτε τὰς ψυχὰς. λογίζεται οὖν ὅτι οὐκ, εἰ μὲν τις μεγάλοις καὶ ἀνιάτοις νοσήμασιν κατὰ τὸ σῶμα συνεχόμενος μὴ ἀπεπνίγη, οὗτος μὲν ἄθλιός ἐστιν ὅτι οὐκ ἀπέθανεν, καὶ οὐδὲν ὑπ' αὐτοῦ ὠφέληται· εἰ δέ τις ἄρα ἐν τῷ τοῦ σώματος τιμιωτέρῳ, τῇ ψυχῇ, πολλὰ νοσήματα ἔχει καὶ ἀνιάτα, τούτῳ δὲ βιωτέον ἐστίν³ καὶ τοῦτον ὀνήσειεν,⁴ ἅντε ἐκ θαλάττης ἅντε ἐκ δικαστηρίου ἐάντε ἄλλοθεν ὀποθενοῦν [b] σώσῃ, ἀλλ' οἶδεν ὅτι οὐκ ἁμεινόν ἐστιν ζῆν τῷ μοχθηρῷ ἀνθρώπῳ· κακῶς γὰρ ἀνάγκη ἐστὶν ζῆν.

διὰ ταῦτα οὐ νόμος ἐστὶ σεμνύνεσθαι τὸν κυβερνήτην, καίπερ σφάζοντα ἡμᾶς, οὐδέ γε, ὃ θαυμάσιε, τὸν μηχανοποιόν, ὃς οὔτε στρατηγοῦ, μὴ ὅτι κυβερνήτου, οὔτε ἄλλου οὐδενὸς ἐλάττω ἐνίστε δύναται σφάζειν· πόλεις γὰρ ἔστιν ὅτε ὅλας σφάζει. μή σοι δοκεῖ κατὰ τὸν δικανικὸν εἶναι; καίτοι εἰ βούλοιο λέγειν, ὃ Καλλίκλεις, ἅπερ ὑμεῖς, σεμνύνων [c] τὸ πρᾶγμα, καταχώσειεν ἂν ὑμᾶς τοῖς λόγοις,

1 γυναῖκας] γυναῖκα *coni.* Naber.

2 ἢ οἷοι *corr.* T²Par² *vett.edd.* : ἢ οἷ BTWPPar : οἱ οἷοι F.

3 βιωτέον ἐστίν] βιοτὸν ἔσται *coni.* Hirschig.

4 ὀνήσειεν BTWP : ὀνήσειεν F : ὀνήσει *coni.* Woolsey Hirschig : ὀνήσειεν ἂν *coni.* Heindorf.

just mentioned, his client, children, goods, his women, and disembarking them at the dock – it'll cost two drachmas at most; and the man – the individual who possesses this art and made this money – gets off and stretches his legs by his boat down at the harbor like anybody else. For he is able, I think, to weigh in his mind that it is unclear which ones of those who sailed with him he helped by keeping them from drowning at sea, and which he harmed! For he knows (512) that they stepped off his boat no better than they were when they came on, whether in body or in soul. He estimates that it is not the case that if the one man, afflicted with great and incurable diseases in his body, was not asphyxiated, that this man was badly off for not dying and was not at all benefitted by him, whereas if for another it was the more honorable part of him, his soul, that is afflicted with many incurable diseases, him he needed to keep alive and that he benefitted him by saving him whether from the sea or from the law-courts or from anywhere else. To the contrary he knows that for an evil man it is not better to be alive: the life he lives will perforce be vicious.

“This is why it is customary that the captain not put on airs even though he keeps us safe, nor for that matter the engineer who at times is able to save no fewer than a general can, nor fewer than a captain nor anybody else: in fact there are times when he even saves a whole city! Don't tell me you put him on the same level as your lawyer! And yet if he should want to say the same things you all do in exalting your *métier*, he would bury you

λέγων καὶ παρακαλῶν ἐπὶ τὸ δεῖν γίγνεσθαι μηχανοποιούς, ὥς οὐδὲν τᾷλλά ἐστιν· ἱκανὸς γὰρ αὐτῷ ὁ λόγος. ἀλλὰ σὺ οὐδὲν ἦττον αὐτοῦ καταφρονεῖς καὶ τῆς τέχνης τῆς ἐκείνου, καὶ ὥς ἐν ὀνειδίει ἀποκαλέσαις ἂν μηχανοποιόν, καὶ τῷ υἱῷ αὐτοῦ οὐτ' ἂν δοῦναι θυγατέρα ἐθέλοις, οὐτ' ἂν αὐτὸς¹ λαβεῖν τὴν ἐκείνου. καίτοι ἐξ ὧν τὰ σαυτοῦ ἐπαινεῖς, τίνι δικαίῳ λόγῳ τοῦ μηχανοποιοῦ καταφρονεῖς καὶ **[d]** τῶν ἄλλων ὧν νυνδὴ ἔλεγες; οἶδ' ὅτι φαίης ἂν βελτίων εἶναι καὶ ἐκ βελτιόνων. τὸ δὲ βέλτιον εἰ μὴ ἔστιν ὃ ἐγὼ λέγω, ἀλλ' αὐτὸ τοῦτ' ἐστὶν ἀρετὴ, τὸ σφάζειν αὐτὸν καὶ τὰ ἑαυτοῦ ὄντα ὁποῖός τις ἔτυχεν, καταγέλαστός σοι ὁ ψόγος γίγνεται καὶ μηχανοποιοῦ καὶ ἱατροῦ καὶ τῶν ἄλλων τεχνῶν ὅσαι τοῦ σφάζειν ἔνεκα πεποίηται.

ἀλλ', ὦ μακάριε, ὅρα μὴ ἄλλο τι τὸ γενναῖον καὶ τὸ ἀγαθὸν ἢ ἢ τὸ² σφάζειν τε καὶ σφάζεσθαι. μὴ³ γὰρ τοῦτο⁴ μέν, τὸ ζῆν ὁπόσον δὲ⁵ **[e]** χρόνον, τὸν γε⁶ ὥς ἀληθῶς ἄνδρα ἐατέον⁷ ἐστὶν καὶ οὐ φιλοψυχητέον, ἀλλὰ ἐπιτρέψαντα περὶ τούτων τῷ θεῷ καὶ πιστεύσαντα ταῖς γυναιξίν ὅτι τὴν εἰμαρμένην οὐδ' ἂν εἰς ἐκφύγοι, τὸ ἐπὶ τούτῳ σκεπτέον τίν' ἂν τρόπον τοῦτον ὃν μέλλοι⁸ χρόνον βιῶναι ὥς ἄριστα βιοίῃ, ἄρα ἐξομοιῶν **[513]** αὐτὸν τῇ πολιτείᾳ ταύτῃ ἐν ἣ ἂν οἰκῇ, καὶ νῦν δὲ ἄρα δεῖ σὲ ὥς

with his arguments, with proofs and recommendations that you simply must become engineers, that all the rest is nothing – and there's a lot on his side. And yet you despise him and his art nonetheless, and would disparage him as a 'mechanic,' and would never give his son your daughter's hand in marriage and neither yourself take his. And yet, out of all you have said in praise of your own occupation, what can you point to that justifies you to look down upon the engineer and the other professionals I have just now mentioned? Yes, you'll claim yours is 'nobler and of nobler lineage.' But as to this 'nobler,' if it is not what I say, but if instead the only virtue is saving one's self and one's own no matter what his character happens to be, then to condemn the engineer no less than the doctor and the other arts that have been created for the sake of saving lives, becomes ridiculous for you.

“But my splendid fellow what is noble and good must be something other than saving and being saved – it might be just this: to live, yes, but as to how long, a real man must let that go and not be so fond of life but leaving that up to the god and trusting in women that no man can elude his fate, he must on top of that ask what might be the way to live the time left to him the best way he can. Will it be by conforming **(513)** himself to the city in which he happens to make his home, no matter which? – which in the present case would mean that you

1 αὐτὸς BTWF : αὐ *coni.* Schanz : αὐτὸς τῷ σεαυτοῦ NFlor.
2 ἢ ἢ τό *coni.* Heindorf : ἢ τό B : ἢ τό TWPF : ἢ τοῦ E3NFlor.
3 μὴ γὰρ mss. : ἢδὲ γὰρ *coni.* Heindorf : ἢ γὰρ *coni.* Schanz : καὶ γὰρ *olim coni.* Buttmann.
4 τοῦτο] αὐτὸ *coni.* Deuschle.
5 ὁπόσον δὲ B : ὁπόσον δὲ WP²f M.Ant. : ὁπόσον δεῖ TPF.
6 γε BTPF : τε W.
7 ἐατέον] εὐκτέον *coni.* Steph. Ficinus [*optandum*] *coni.* Cornarius.
8 μέλλοι BTWPF Marc.Ant.[ms.A] : μέλλει F Marc.Ant.[ms.T].

ὁμοιότατον γίνεσθαι τῷ δήμῳ τῷ Ἀθηναίων,¹ εἰ μέλλεις τούτῳ προσφιλεῖς εἶναι καὶ μέγα δύνασθαι ἐν τῇ πόλει· τοῦθ' ὅρα εἰ σοὶ λυσιτελεῖ καὶ ἐμοί, ὅπως μή, ὃ δαιμόνιε, πεισόμεθα ὅπερ φασὶ τὰς τὴν σελήνην καθαιρούσας, τὰς Θετταλίδας· σὺν τοῖς φιλάτοις ἢ αἵρεσις ἡμῖν ἔσται ταύτης τῆς δυνάμεως τῆς ἐν τῇ πόλει.

εἰ δέ σοι οἶει ὄντινον ἀνθρώπων παραδώσειν τέχνην τινὰ τοιαύτην, ἣτις [b] σε ποιήσει μέγα δύνασθαι ἐν τῇ πόλει τῇδε ἀνόμοιον ὄντα τῇ πολιτείᾳ εἴτ' ἐπὶ τὸ βέλτιον εἴτ' ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, ὥς ἐμοὶ δοκεῖ, οὐκ ὀρθῶς βουλευή, ὃ Καλλίκλεις· οὐ γὰρ μιμητὴν δεῖ εἶναι ἀλλ' αὐτοφυῶς ὅμοιον τούτοις, εἰ μέλλεις τι γνήσιον ἀπεργάζεσθαι² εἰς φιλίαν τῷ Ἀθηναίων δήμῳ καὶ ναὶ μὰ Δία τῷ Πυριλάμπους γε πρός. ὅστις οὖν σε τούτοις ὁμοιότατον ἀπεργάσεται, οὗτός σε ποιήσει, ὥς ἐπιθυμεῖς πολιτικὸς³ εἶναι, πολιτικὸν καὶ ῥητορικόν· τῷ αὐτῶν⁴ γὰρ [c] ἦθει λεγομένων τῶν λόγων ἕκαστοι χαίρουσι, τῷ δὲ ἄλλοτρίῳ ἄχθονται, εἰ μή τι σὺ ἄλλο λέγεις, ὃ φίλη κεφαλὴ. λεγομέν⁵ τι πρὸς ταῦτα, ὃ Καλλίκλεις;

ΚΑΛ. οὐκ οἶδ' ὄντινά μοι τρόπον δοκεῖς εὖ λέγειν, ὃ Σώκρατες, πέπονθα δὲ τὸ τῶν πολλῶν πάθος· οὐ πάνυ σοι πείθομαι.

ΣΩ. ὁ δήμου γὰρ ἔρως, ὃ Καλλίκλεις, ἐνὼν ἐν τῇ ψυχῇ τῇ σῇ ἀντιστατεῖ μοι· ἀλλ' ἐὰν πολλάκις ἴσως καὶ⁶

1 τῷ Ἀθηναίων T : τῶν Ἀθηναίων BWPF : τῷ τῶν Ἀθηναίων *coni.* Deuschle.

2 ἀπεργάζεσθαι BTWP : ἀπεργάσεσθαι F.

3 πολιτικὸς] *om.* Aug^o1 Ficinus.

4 αὐτῶν B : αὐτῷ F : αὐτῶν TWPf.

5 λέγομεν mss. : λέγωμεν YNFlor Ficinus [*dicemus*].

6 πολλάκις ἴσως καὶ mss. : πολλάκις ἴσον καὶ Pa²Za : πολλάκις *coni.* Burnet : πολλάκις καὶ *coni.* Schaefer : πολλάκις ἴσως Schanz.

must liken yourself as much as possible to this deme of Athenians if you are to be liked and thereby wield great power in the city. But beware whether this would pay off for you and for me without suffering, my redoubtable one, what they say the Thessalian maidens suffered when they brought down an eclipse: that we will bring down 'our dearest possessions' to pay for seizing this power you are thinking of within the city.

"But if you imagine that anybody on earth will confer upon you the sort of art you have in mind that will make you powerful in *this* city while remaining unlike it in your civic outlook – whether better than it or worse – in my judgment you are making a mistake, Callicles: You must not merely *mimic* them but *be* the same as them in your very bones if you are to achieve redoubtable popularity among the deme of the Athenians – and also, by Zeus, with the son of Pylampes as well! The one who will actually make you most alike to them will be the one who will make you the politician you desire to be, a politician-orator. For everybody enjoys arguments of a character that is their own being presented to them, and are bothered by what they find alien – unless of course you disagree and argue otherwise, my dear fellow. Do we have anything to say in response to this, Callicles?"

Call. "Somehow you seem to be making a good argument, Socrates – and yet I feel the way they all do: I'm not particularly persuaded."

Soc. "As for that it's your demos-love, Callicles, deep in that soul of yours that aligns you against me. But

βέλτιον [d] ταῦτα¹ διασκοπώμεθα, πεισθήσῃ.

ἀναμνήσθητι δ' οὖν ὅτι δύ' ἔφαμεν εἶναι τὰς παρασκευὰς ἐπὶ τὸ ἕκαστον θεραπεύειν, καὶ σῶμα καὶ ψυχὴν, μίαν μὲν πρὸς ἡδονὴν ὁμιλεῖν, τὴν ἑτέραν δὲ πρὸς τὸ βέλτιστον, μὴ καταχαριζόμενον ἀλλὰ διαμαχόμενον. οὐ ταῦτα ἦν ἃ τότε ὠριζόμεθα;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν ἢ μὲν ἑτέρα, ἢ πρὸς ἡδονήν, ἀγεννὴς καὶ οὐδὲν ἄλλο ἢ κολακεία τυγχάνει οὕσα· ἢ γάρ; [e]

ΚΑΛ. ἔστω, εἰ βούλει, σοὶ οὕτως.

ΣΩ. ἢ δέ γε ἑτέρα,² ὅπως ὡς βέλτιστον ἔσται τοῦτο, εἴτε σῶμα τυγχάνει ὃν εἴτε ψυχὴ, ὃ θεραπεύομεν;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. ἄρ' οὖν οὕτως ἐπιχειρητέον ἡμῖν ἐστὶν τῇ πόλει καὶ τοῖς πολίταις³ θεραπεύειν, ὡς βελτίστους αὐτοὺς τοὺς πολίτας⁴ ποιοῦντας; ἄνευ γὰρ δὴ τούτου, ὡς ἐν τοῖς ἔμπροσθεν ἠυρίσκομεν,⁵ οὐδὲν ὄφελος⁶ ἄλλην εὐεργεσίαν οὐδεμίαν [514] προσφέρειν, ἐὰν μὴ καλὴ καγαθὴ ἡ διάνοια ἢ τῶν μελλόντων ἢ χρήματα πολλὰ λαμβάνειν ἢ ἀρχὴν τινων ἢ ἄλλην δύναμιν ἡντινοῦν. θῶμεν⁷ οὕτως ἔχειν;

1 ταῦτα BTWP : ταὐτὰ ταῦτα F.

2 ἑτέρα] *lacunam addit* Schanz : *γενναιότερα ibi addit* Dodds(!) : καλὴ *post* θεραπεύομεν *addit* Theiler.

3 τῇ πόλει καὶ τοῖς πολίταις mss. : τὴν πόλιν καὶ τοὺς πολίτας F Steph.

4 τοὺς πολίτας] *secl.* Herwerden.

5 ἠυρίσκομεν P : εὐρήκαμεν F : εὐρίσκομεν BW.

6 ὄφελος TWPFb : ὠφελος B.

7 θῶμεν BTP *et re vera* F : φῶμεν *coni.* Madvig.

if we ever really investigate this matter, persuaded you will be.

“Be that as it may, please recall that we said there are two activities one may practice in treating something, whether body or soul, the one conversant with pleasure and the other with finding the noblest: not bare gratification but rather the taking up of cudgels. Wasn’t that the distinction we drew before?”

Call. “Quite.”

Soc. “And the first of them, the one aiming for pleasure, is ignoble and turns out to be nothing but flattery. Right?”

Call. “Let it be so, if you want.”

Soc. “But the other aims that the thing be as noble as possible, no matter whether it is body or soul we are caring for.”

Call. “Quite.”

Soc. “Now in treating the city and its citizens mustn’t we likewise busy ourselves with making the citizens as noble as possible, in themselves? For without this, as we discovered in our previous discussion, not a single improvement of them is of any use (514) unless the mindset of those who are going to be getting a lot of money, or rule over some group, or acquire any other power whatsoever, is good and decent. Shall we posit this?”

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε, εἴ σοι ἥδιον.

ΣΩ. εἰ οὖν παρεκαλοῦμεν ἀλλήλους, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, δημοσίᾳ πράζοντες¹ τῶν πολιτικῶν πραγμάτων ἐπὶ τὰ οἰκοδομικά, ἢ τειχῶν ἢ νεωρίων ἢ ἱερῶν ἐπὶ τὰ μέγιστα οἰκοδομήματα, πότερον ἔδει ἂν ἡμᾶς σκέψασθαι ἡμᾶς αὐτοὺς καὶ [b] ἐξετάσαι πρῶτον μὲν εἰ ἐπιστάμεθα τὴν τέχνην ἢ οὐκ ἐπιστάμεθα,² τὴν οἰκοδομικήν, καὶ παρὰ τοῦ³ ἐμάθομεν; ἔδει ἂν ἢ οὐ;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν δεύτερον αὖ τόδε, εἴ τι πώποτε οἰκοδόμημα ὠκοδομήκαμεν ἰδίᾳ ἢ τῶν φίλων τινὶ ἢ ἡμέτερον αὐτῶν, καὶ τοῦτο τὸ οἰκοδόμημα καλὸν ἢ αἰσχρόν ἐστιν· καὶ εἰ μὲν ἠύρισκομεν σκοπούμενοι διδασκάλους τε ἡμῶν ἀγαθοὺς καὶ [c] ἐλλογίμους γεγονότας καὶ οἰκοδομήματα πολλὰ μὲν καὶ καλὰ μετὰ τῶν διδασκάλων ὠκοδομημένα ἡμῖν, πολλὰ δὲ καὶ διὰ⁴ ἡμῶν ἐπειδὴ τῶν διδασκάλων ἀπηλλάγημεν, οὕτω μὲν διακειμένων, νοῦν ἐχόντων ἦν ἀνιέναι ἐπὶ τὰ δημόσια ἔργα· εἰ δὲ μήτε διδάσκαλον εἶχομεν ἡμῶν αὐτῶν ἐπιδειῆσαι οἰκοδομήματά τε ἢ μηδὲν ἢ πολλὰ καὶ μηδενὸς ἄξια, οὕτω δὴ⁵ ἀνόητον ἦν δήπου ἐπιχειρεῖν⁶ τοῖς δημοσίοις ἔργοις καὶ

1 πράζοντες FB²P² Steph. : πράξαντες BTWP : πράζοντας YPar² : τάξαντες conī. Cobet.

2 τὴν τέχνην ἢ οὐκ ἐπιστάμεθα WPF : om. BT.

3 παρὰ τοῦ BF : παρὰ του TWP.

4 διὰ conī. Voemel : ἰδίᾳ BTPWFPar² : ἰδίᾳ Par : ἰδίᾳ ὕφ' V : ἰδίᾳ δι' conī. Madvig : ἰδίᾳ διὰ conī. Schanz : ἰδίᾳ ἐφ' [sic] Sommer.

5 δὴ] δὲ cod. Bas.² : δ' ἂν conī. Sauppe.

6 ἦν δήπου ἐπιχειρεῖν BTWP : ἐπιχειρεῖν ἦν F : ἦν ἂν που ἐπιχειρεῖν conī. Schanz : ἦν δήπου ἂν ἐπιχειρεῖν conī. Hirschig : ἂν ἦν δήπου ἐπιχειρεῖν conī. Gercke Christ.

Call. “Quite – if you find it more pleasing.”

Soc. “If then we were giving suggestions to each other, Callicles, thinking to carry out the public management of city contracts having to do with construction – the bigger edifices like walls or harbors or temples – would we need to be checking our own credentials and examining first of all whether we are competent at the art or not – the art of building, that is – and asking from whom we might have learned it? Would we be needing to do that or not?”

Call. “Quite.”

Soc. “And secondly, if we had ever built a house for private use, whether for one of our friends or our own home, and whether this building was beautiful or ugly. And if, on the one hand, our investigation revealed men who taught us that were worthy, who had accrued good reputations, and that many beautiful buildings had been built by us in concert with these teachers, and many buildings done by ourselves as well, after we had left studying with them, if on the one hand we were so situated it would intelligent for us to move up to the management of public works. But if on the other hand we had nary a teacher of ourselves to point to, nor any building or many unworthy ones, in such a case it would surely be mindless to take up the construction of public

παρακαλεῖν ἀλλήλους ἐπ' αὐτά. φῶμεν¹ ταῦτα ὀρθῶς λέγεσθαι [d] ἢ οὐ;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν οὕτω πάντα, τά τε ἄλλα κἂν εἰ ἐπιχειρήσαντες² δημοσιεύειν παρεκαλοῦμεν ἀλλήλους ὡς ἱκανοὶ ἰατροὶ ὄντες, ἐπεσκεψάμεθα δήπου ἂν ἐγὼ τε σὲ καὶ σὺ ἐμέ, φέρε πρὸς θεῶν, αὐτὸς δὲ ὁ Σωκράτης πῶς ἔχει τὸ σῶμα πρὸς ὑγίειαν; ἢ ἤδη³ τις ἄλλος διὰ Σωκράτην ἀπηλλάγη νόσου, ἢ δοῦλος ἢ ἐλεύθερος; κἂν ἐγὼ οἶμαι περὶ σοῦ ἕτερα τοιαῦτα ἐσκόπουν· καὶ εἰ μὴ ἠύρισκομεν⁴ δι' ἡμᾶς μηδένα [e] βελτίω γεγονότα τὸ σῶμα, μήτε τῶν ξένων μήτε τῶν ἀστών, μήτε ἄνδρα μήτε γυναῖκα, πρὸς Διός, ὃ Καλλίκλεις, οὐ καταγέλαστον ἂν ἦν τῇ ἀληθείᾳ, εἰς τοσοῦτον ἀνοίας ἐλθεῖν ἀνθρώπους,⁵ ὥστε, πρὶν ἰδιωτεύοντας πολλὰ μὲν ὅπως ἐτύχομεν ποιῆσαι, πολλὰ δὲ κατορθῶσαι καὶ γυμνάσασθαι ἱκανῶς τὴν τέχνην, τὸ λεγόμενον δὴ τοῦτο ἐν τῷ πίθῳ τὴν κεραμεῖαν ἐπιχειρεῖν μανθάνειν, καὶ αὐτοὺς τε δημοσιεύειν ἐπιχειρεῖν καὶ ἄλλους τοιούτους παρακαλεῖν; οὐκ ἀνόητόν σοι δοκεῖ ἂν εἶναι οὕτω⁶ πράττειν;

ΚΑΛ. ἔμοιγε. [515]

ΣΩ. νῦν δέ, ὃ βέλτιστε ἀνδρῶν, ἐπειδὴ σὺ μὲν αὐτὸς ἄρτι ἄρχῃ πράττειν τὰ τῆς πόλεως πράγματα, ἐμὲ δὲ

works and encourage each other to do so. Shall we affirm this is a correct formulation?"

Call. "Quite."

Soc. "And wouldn't we carry out such an examination not only in other areas but in particular when getting involved in public business we were encouraging each other, thinking ourselves suitable and adequate as physicians: we would presumably check each other's credentials, I yours and you mine, saying: 'Reply under oath: This Socrates, is he himself healthy in respect to his own body?' or, 'Is there any record of someone getting over a disease through Socrates's help, whether a slave or a free man?' And I imagine I would be asking similar such things about you. And if we failed to discover anybody who had gotten physically better because of us, neither a foreigner nor a local, neither man nor woman, then in the name of Zeus, Callicles, would it not be laughable for us to cut the figure of such foolish men that before some career in private practice where we had often done some things indifferently by our own lights but also had done others correctly, adequately disciplined by the art involved, we should before that "learn ceramics by making a pithos," as the saying goes, and should take up practicing in public and should encourage each other to do so? Doesn't it seem unintelligent to you to act this way?"

Call. "Yes." (515)

Soc. "But now consider our present situation, my best of men. Since you yourself are just now beginning to engage in the business of the city, and you are

1 φῶμεν BTWPf: δῶμεν F.

2 ἐπιχειρήσαντες] ἐπιχειρήσοντες *coni.* Heindorf.

3 ἤδη E2²: εἰ δὴ BTWPF.

4 ἠύρισκομεν B: εὐρίσκομεν WTPF.

5 ἀνθρώπους] *secl.* Heindorf.

6 οὕτω BTP: τοῦτο F.

παρακαλεῖς καὶ ὀνειδίζεις ὅτι οὐ πράττω, οὐκ ἐπισκεψόμεθα ἀλλήλους, φέρε, Καλλικλῆς ἤδη τινὰ βελτίω πεποίηκεν τῶν πολιτῶν; ἔστιν ὅστις πρότερον πονηρὸς ὢν, ἄδικός τε καὶ ἀκόλαστος καὶ ἄφρων, διὰ Καλλικλέα καλὸς τε καὶ ἀγαθὸς γέγονεν, ἢ ξένος ἢ ἀστός, ἢ δοῦλος ἢ ἐλεύθερος;

... λέγε μοι, [b] ἐάν τις σε ταῦτα ἐξετάζη, ὃ Καλλίκλεις, τί ἐρεῖς; τίνα φήσεις βελτίω πεποιηκέναι ἄνθρωπον¹ τῇ συνουσίᾳ τῇ σῇ;

... ὁκνεῖς ἀποκρίνασθαι, εἴπερ ἔστιν τι ἔργον σὸν ἔτι ἰδιωτεύοντος, πρὶν δημοσιεύειν ἐπιχειρεῖν;

ΚΑΛ. φιλόνικος εἶ, ὃ Σώκρατες.

ΣΩ. ἀλλ' οὐ φιλονικία γε ἐρωτῶ, ἀλλ' ὥς ἀληθῶς βουλόμενος εἰδέναι ὄντινὰ ποτε τρόπον οἶει δεῖν πολιτεύεσθαι ἐν ἡμῖν. ἢ ἄλλου του ἄρα ἐπιμελήσῃ ἡμῖν² ἐλθὼν ἐπὶ τὰ [c] τῆς πόλεως πράγματα ἢ ὅπως ὅτι βέλτιστοι οἱ πολῖται³ ὦμεν; ἢ οὐ πολλάκις ἤδη ὁμολογήκαμεν τοῦτο δεῖν πράττειν τὸν πολιτικὸν ἄνδρα;

... ὁμολογήκαμεν ἢ οὐ; ἀποκρίνου.

... ὁμολογήκαμεν· ἐγὼ ὑπὲρ σοῦ ἀποκρινοῦμαι. εἰ τοίνυν τοῦτο δεῖ τὸν ἀγαθὸν ἄνδρα παρασκευάζειν τῇ ἑαυτοῦ πόλει, νῦν μοι ἀναμνησθεῖς εἰπὲ περὶ ἐκείνων τῶν ἀνδρῶν ὧν ὀλίγω πρότερον ἔλεγες, εἰ ἔτι σοι δοκοῦσιν

encouraging me to do so and berate me for not doing so, shall we not likewise investigate each other thus: 'Come: as to Callicles, is there some record of him having made someone a better man? Is there anybody who earlier was vicious – unjust and intemperate and mindless – that has become fine and good through the agency of Callicles, whether a foreigner or a local, slave or free?

“... Tell me: if somebody examines you in this way, Callicles, what you would say? What man will you affirm you improved through his association with you?

“... Do you shrink from answering whether there really is some work you performed while still a private individual, before you took up politics?”

Call. “You win, Socrates.”

Soc. “It’s not to compete with you that I ask, but truly wanting to know how in the world you think one is to practice politics among us. Or will we find you have some other concern for us as you enter politics than to make us citizens the best men we can be? Have we not said this several times already, that this is what a political man is supposed to do?

“... Have we agreed to this, or not?

“... Answer!

“... ‘We *have* indeed agreed to this’: I will answer for you. And so if it is this that the ‘good man’ is meant to provide for his own city, remind me and talk about those famous men you mentioned a little earlier, and whether they still seem to you to have been *good citizens*,

1 ἄνθρωπον] *om.* Kratz : ἀνθρώπων *coni.* Hirschig.

2 ἢ ἄλλου του ἄρα ἐπιμελήσῃ ἡμῖν WPT^{marg} : *om.* F : ἢ ἄλλου του ἄρα ἐπιμελήσει ἡμῖν T : ἢ ἄλλου του ἄρα ἐπιμελήσει ἡμῖν B : ἢ ἄλλου του ἄρα ἐπιμελήσῃ ἡμῖν Ξ2 : εἰ ἄλλου του ἄρα ἐπιμελήσῃ ἡμῖν *coni.* Schleiermacher : ἢ ἄλλου του ἄρα ἐπιμελήσῃ ἡμῖν P : ἢ ἄλλου του ἄρα ἐπιμελήσῃ ἡμῶν Za²R.

3 οἱ πολῖται BTPF : πολῖται *coni.* Hirschig.

ἀγαθοὶ¹ πολῖται γεγονέναι, [d] Περικλῆς καὶ Κίμων καὶ Μιλτιάδης καὶ Θεμιστοκλῆς.

ΚΑΛ. ἔμοιγε.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν εἶπερ ἀγαθοί, δῆλον ὅτι ἕκαστος αὐτῶν βελτίους ἐποίει τοὺς πολίτας ἀντὶ χειρόνων. ἐποίει ἢ οὐ;

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν ὅτε Περικλῆς ἤρχετο λέγειν ἐν τῷ δήμῳ, χεῖρους ἦσαν οἱ Ἀθηναῖοι ἢ ὅτε τὰ τελευταῖα ἔλεγεν;

ΚΑΛ. ἴσως.

ΣΩ. οὐκ ἴσως δῆ,² ὃ βέλτιστε, ἀλλ' ἀνάγκη³ ἐκ τῶν ὁμολογημένων, εἶπερ ἀγαθός γ' ἦν ἐκεῖνος πολίτης. [e]

ΚΑΛ. τί οὖν δῆ;

ΣΩ. οὐδέν· ἀλλὰ τότε μοι εἶπε ἐπὶ τούτῳ, εἰ λέγονται Ἀθηναῖοι διὰ Περικλέα βελτίους γεγονέναι, ἢ πᾶν τούναντίον διαφθαρῆναι ὑπ' ἐκείνου. ταυτὶ γὰρ ἔγωγε ἀκούω, Περικλέα πεποιηκέναι Ἀθηναίους ἀργοὺς καὶ δειλοὺς καὶ λάλους καὶ φιλαργύρους, εἰς μισθοφορίαν πρῶτον καταστήσαντα.

ΚΑΛ. τῶν τὰ ὅσα κατεαγότων ἀκούεις ταῦτα, ὃ Σώκρατες.

ΣΩ. ἀλλὰ τάδε οὐκέτι ἀκούω, ἀλλ' οἶδα σαφῶς καὶ ἐγὼ καὶ σύ, ὅτι τὸ μὲν πρῶτον εὐδοκίμει⁴ Περικλῆς καὶ

Pericles and Cimon and Miltiades and Themistocles.”

Call. “They do seem so to me.”

Soc. “And if in fact they were good, clearly each of them was working at making the citizens better instead of worse – were they doing so or not?”

Call. “They were.”

Soc. “So when Pericles began orating in the deme, the Athenians were worse than when he was addressing them at the end?”

Call. “Maybe.”

Soc. “Not maybe, my noblest, but necessarily, as our agreements imply – if at least that famous man of yours was good as a *citizen*.”

Call. “What are you getting at?”

Soc. “Nothing. Just tell me this about him: are the Athenians said to have become better because of Pericles, or to the contrary that they were corrupted by him? That’s what *I* hear, at least: that Pericles made the Athenians lazy and fearful, talkative and materialistic, being the first politician to institute the policy of mercenaries.”

Call. “You hear that from your guys that cauliflower their ears.”

Soc. “On the other hand I not only hear but know, and so do you, that at first Pericles enjoyed a good

1 ἀγαθοὶ BTWP : ἀγαθοὶ οἱ F.

2 δῆ WPF : δεῖ BT.

3 ἀνάγκη] ἀνάγκη *coni.* Schanz.

4 εὐδοκίμει WF : ηὐδοκίμει B.

οὐδεμίαν αἰσχρὰν δίκην κατεψηφίσαντο αὐτοῦ Ἀθηναῖοι, ἥνίκα χεῖρους ἦσαν· ἐπειδὴ δὲ καλοὶ κάγαθοι ἐγεγόνεσαν¹ [516] ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ, ἐπὶ τελευτῇ τοῦ βίου τοῦ Περικλέους,² κλοπὴν αὐτοῦ κατεψηφίσαντο, ὀλίγου δὲ καὶ θανάτου ἐτίμησαν, δῆλον ὅτι ὡς πονηροῦ ὄντος.

ΚΑΛ. τί οὖν; τούτου ἔνεκα κακὸς ἦν Περικλῆς;

ΣΩ. ὄνων γοῦν ἂν ἐπιμελητῆς καὶ ἵππων καὶ βοῶν τοιοῦτος ὢν κακὸς ἂν ἐδόκει εἶναι, εἰ παραλαβὼν μὴ λακτίζοντας ἑαυτὸν³ μηδὲ κυρίττοντας μηδὲ δάκνοντας ἀπέδειξε ταῦτα ἅπαντα ποιοῦντας δι’ ἀγριότητα. ἢ οὐ δοκεῖ σοι [b] κακὸς εἶναι ἐπιμελητῆς ὅστισοῦν ὅτουοῦν ζώου, ὃς ἂν παραλαβὼν ἡμερώτερα ἀποδείξῃ ἀγριώτερα ἢ⁴ παρέλαβε;

... δοκεῖ ἢ οὐ;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε, ἵνα σοι χαρίσωμαι.

ΣΩ. καὶ τόδε τοίνυν μοι χάρισαι ἀποκρινάμενος· πότερον καὶ ὁ ἄνθρωπος ἐν τῶν ζώων ἐστὶν ἢ οὐ;

ΚΑΛ. πῶς γὰρ οὐ;

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν ἀνθρώπων Περικλῆς ἐπεμέλετο;⁵

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. τί οὖν; οὐκ ἔδει αὐτοῦς, ὡς ἄρτι ὠμολογοῦμεν, δικαιότερους γεγενῆσθαι ἀντὶ ἀδικωτέρων ὑπ’ ἐκείνου, εἴπερ

reputation and the Athenians never voted a shameful indictment against him during the time they were worse; but once they had become fine and good (516) by his doing, at the end of Pericles’s life, they indicted him for embezzlement and came close to executing him, clearly thinking him a corrupt man.”

Call. “Ha! And that’s what was *wrong* about Pericles?”

Soc. “Well, clearly a caretaker of asses or horses or cows that acted that way would be judged a bad herdsman, if upon taking on a herd that did not kick against him nor butted nor bit him, he turned them out so clearly fierce as to do all those things. Or do you not think it’s a bad caretaker that takes on relatively tame wards and turns them out more fierce than he had taken them on, no matter what kind of caretaker nor what the animal?”

“... Yes or no?”

Call. “‘Quite so’ – Let me please you.”

Soc. “And please me the more by answering this: Would you say that men also are animals?”

Call. “How not?”

Soc. “And was it not men that Pericles was taking care of?”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “So, wasn’t it necessary that they, as we just agreed, had become more just in place of having been

1 ἐγεγονεσαν BTPF : ἐγγέγονεισαν W : γεγόνεσαν YNFLor.

2 τοῦ Περικλέους] *secl.* Hirschig || δῆλον ὅτι ὡς πονηροῦ ὄντος] *secl.* Hirschig Cobet.

3 ἑαυτὸν BT : αὐτὸν WPF Aristides : αὐτοῦς *corr.* Par²f : *om.* Y Aristides[ms.Q] Steph. [*non vertit* Ficinus].

4 ἢ PF : ἢ B : *post* ἢ *rasura unius litt.* ut vid. T.

5 ἐπεμέλετο BTWP : ἐπεμελεῖτο F.

[c] ἐκεῖνος ἐπεμελεῖτο αὐτῶν ἀγαθὸς ὢν τὰ πολιτικά;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν οἱ γε δίκαιοι ἡμεροί, ὥς ἔφη Ὅμηρος·
σὺ δὲ τί φῆς; οὐχ οὕτως;

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. ἀλλὰ μὴν ἀγριωτέρους γε αὐτοὺς ἀπέφηνεν ἢ
οἴους παρέλαβεν, καὶ ταῦτ' εἰς αὐτόν,¹ ὃν ἤκιστ' ἂν
ἐβούλετο.

ΚΑΛ. βούλει σοι ὁμολογήσω;

ΣΩ. εἰ δοκῶ γε σοι ἀληθῆ λέγειν.

ΚΑΛ. ἔστω δὴ ταῦτα.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν εἴπερ ἀγριωτέρους, ἀδικωτέρους τε καὶ
χείρους; [d]

ΚΑΛ. ἔστω.

ΣΩ. οὐκ ἄρ' ἀγαθὸς τὰ πολιτικὰ Περικλῆς ἦν ἐκ
τούτου τοῦ λόγου.

ΚΑΛ. οὐ σύ γε φῆς.

ΣΩ. μὰ Δί' οὐδὲ γε σὺ ἐξ ὧν ὁμολόγεις.² πάλιν δὲ
λέγε μοι περὶ Κίμωνος· οὐκ ἐξωστράκισαν αὐτὸν οὗτοι οὐδ'
ἐθεράπευεν, ἵνα αὐτοῦ δέκα ἐτῶν μὴ ἀκούσειαν τῆς φωνῆς;
καὶ Θεμιστοκλέα ταῦτα ταῦτα ἐποίησαν καὶ φυγῇ
προσεζημίωσαν; Μιλτιάδην δὲ τὸν ἐν Μαραθῶνι³ εἰς τὸ

1 αὐτόν P : αὐτόν BTWF Aristides : *secl.* Cobet.

2 ὁμολόγεις BTP : ὁμολογεῖς F Ficinus [*confiteris*].

3 ἐν Μαραθῶνι BTP and *re vera* F : Μαραθῶνι *coni.* Thompson.

less just, under his care, if he was “good” at political
matters?”

Call. “Quite.”

Soc. “And aren’t men who are just, tame as such
also, as Homer has it?

,,, “What do *you* say? Isn’t that so?”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “And yet they showed themselves to be
fiercer than they had been when he took them on, and
fierce toward himself to boot, which was hardly his
plan.”

Call. “Do you want me to agree with you?”

Soc. “If at least you think what I’m saying is
true.”

Call. “Let it be so.”

Soc. “And if fiercer, more unjust and worse?”

Call. “Let it be so.”

Soc. “Therefore Pericles wasn’t good at politics,
based on this argument.”

Call. “Not, according to *you*.”

Soc. “Nor you, by Zeus, given what you have
agreed to. But let’s turn to the case of Cimon. Didn’t they
ostracize him, the very persons he was taking care of, so
that they wouldn’t have to listen to his voice during ten
years? And they did the same to Themistocles adding
exile to his punishment. And against Miltiades, who
served at Marathon, they brought an action to throw him

βάραθρον [e] ἐμβαλεῖν ἐψηφίσαντο, καὶ εἰ μὴ διὰ τὸν πρύτανιν, ἐνέπεσεν ἄν; καίτοι οὗτοι, εἰ ἦσαν ἄνδρες ἀγαθοί, ὥς σὺ φῆς, οὐκ ἄν ποτε ταῦτα ἔπασχον. οὐκουν¹ οἷ γε ἀγαθοὶ ἡνίοχοι κατ' ἀρχὰς μὲν οὐκ ἐκπίπτουσιν ἐκ τῶν ζευγῶν, ἐπειδὴν δὲ θεραπεύσωσιν τοὺς ἵππους καὶ αὐτοὶ ἀμείνους γένωνται ἡνίοχοι, τότε' ἐκπίπτουσιν· οὐκ ἔστι ταῦτ' οὔτ' ἐν ἡνιοχείᾳ οὔτ' ἐν ἄλλῳ ἔργῳ οὐδενί· ἢ δοκεῖ σοι;

ΚΑΛ. οὐκ ἔμοιγε.

ΣΩ. ἀληθεῖς ἄρα, ὥς ἔοικεν, οἱ ἔμπροσθεν λόγοι ἦσαν, [517] ὅτι οὐδένα ἡμεῖς ἴσμεν ἄνδρα ἀγαθὸν γεγονότα τὰ πολιτικὰ ἐν τῇδε τῇ πόλει. σὺ δὲ ὠμολόγεις² τῶν γε νῦν οὐδένα, τῶν μέντοι ἔμπροσθεν,³ καὶ προεῖλου τούτους τοὺς ἄνδρας· οὗτοι δὲ ἀνεφάνησαν ἐξ ἴσου τοῖς νῦν ὄντες, ὥστε, εἰ οὗτοι ῥήτορες ἦσαν, οὔτε τῇ ἀληθινῇ ῥητορικῇ ἐχρῶντο—οὐ γὰρ ἂν ἐξέπεσον—οὔτε τῇ κολακικῇ.

ΚΑΛ. ἀλλὰ μέντοι πολλοῦ γε δεῖ, ὃ Σώκρατες, μή⁴ ποτέ τις τῶν νῦν ἔργα τοιαῦτα ἐργάσεται οἷα τούτων ὅστις [b] βούλει εἵργασται.

ΣΩ. ὃ δαιμόνιε, οὐδ' ἐγὼ ψέγω τούτους ὥς γε διακόνους εἶναι πόλεως, ἀλλὰ μοι δοκοῦσι τῶν γε νῦν

1 οὐκουν FP²QEU Aristides Aldine *coniecerat* Heindorf : οὐκοῦν BTPW Aristidis ms.Q¹.

2 ὠμολόγεις BTP : ὁμολογεῖς F.

3 ἔμπροσθεν] ἔμπροσθεν πολλοὺς E2^{marg.}.

4 μή] οὐ μή *conī*. Madvig : καὶ οὐ μή *conī*. Cobet (*seq.* ἐργάσεται *post* τοιαῦτα).

into a pit, and if it hadn't been for the Prytany he would have gone down. And yet these men of yours, if they were 'good men' in the way you mean it, would never be suffering such treatment. Surely it is not the case with good charioteers that they are not thrown from the traces at the beginning, but once they take care of their horses and themselves become better charioteers, only then they are thrown. That's not how it works with chariots or anywhere else. Don't you agree?"

Call. "I agree."

Soc. "Therefore it looks like our previous arguments were true: (517) we have seen not a one that turned out to be a man good at politics in our city here. You agreed that none of the present are, but thought earlier ones were, and you brought up these men, but now they have proved to be on the same level as the present ones, so that if it is 'orators' we are to call your men, it was neither true oratory they were practicing – for they wouldn't have fallen out of favor – nor the flattering kind!"

Call. "In any case, it's a far cry, Socrates, that anybody *these* days should pull off a deed like the deeds *they* did, any one of them you might wish to name."

Soc. "My dazzling man, I fault them not for their being *servitors* of the city: Indeed, they seem to me to have turned out more servitcal than those of our day,

διακονικώτεροι γεγονέναι καὶ μᾶλλον οἱοί τε ἐκπορίζειν τῇ πόλει ὧν ἐπεθύμει. ἀλλὰ γὰρ μεταβιβάζειν τὰς ἐπιθυμίας καὶ μὴ ἐπιτρέπειν, πείθοντες καὶ βιαζόμενοι ἐπὶ τοῦτο ὅθεν ἔμελλον ἀμείνους ἔσεσθαι οἱ πολῖται, ὡς ἔπος εἰπεῖν οὐδὲν [c] τούτων διέφερον ἐκεῖνοι· ὅπερ μόνον ἔργον ἐστὶν ἀγαθοῦ πολίτου. ναῦς δὲ καὶ τείχη καὶ νεώρια καὶ ἄλλα πολλὰ τοιαῦτα καὶ ἐγὼ σοι ὁμολογῶ δεινότερους εἶναι ἐκείνους τούτων ἐκπορίζειν.

πρᾶγμα οὖν γελοῖον ποιούμεν ἐγὼ τε καὶ σὺ ἐν τοῖς λόγοις· ἐν παντὶ γὰρ τῷ χρόνῳ ὃν διαλεγόμεθα οὐδὲν πανόμεθα εἰς τὸ αὐτὸ ἀεὶ περιφερόμενοι καὶ ἀγνοοῦντες ἀλλήλων ὅτι λέγομεν. ἐγὼ γοῦν¹ σε πολλάκις οἶμαι ὁμολογηκέναι καὶ ἐγνωκέναι ὡς ἄρα διττὴ τις αὕτη [d] ἡ πραγματεία ἐστὶν καὶ περὶ τὸ σῶμα καὶ περὶ τὴν ψυχὴν, καὶ ἡ μὲν ἑτέρα διακονικὴ ἐστὶν, ἥ δυνατόν εἶναι ἐκπορίζειν, ἐὰν μὲν πεινῇ τὰ σώματα ἡμῶν, σιτία, ἐὰν δὲ διψῇ, ποτά, ἐὰν δὲ ῥιγῶ, ἱμάτια, στρώματα, ὑποδήματα, ἄλλ' ὧν² ἔρχεται σώματα εἰς ἐπιθυμίαν· καὶ ἐξεπίτηδές σοι διὰ τῶν αὐτῶν εἰκόνων λέγω, ἵνα ῥᾶον καταμάθῃς. τούτων γὰρ ποριστικὸν εἶναι³ ἢ κάπηλον ὄντα ἢ ἔμπορον ἢ δημιουργόν του αὐτῶν [e] τούτων, σιτοποιὸν ἢ ὀψοποιὸν ἢ ὑφάντην ἢ σκυτοτόμον ἢ σκυτοδεψόν, οὐδὲν θαυμαστόν ἐστιν ὄντα τοιοῦτον δόξαι καὶ αὐτῷ καὶ τοῖς ἄλλοις θεραπευτὴν εἶναι σώματος, παντὶ τῷ μὴ εἰδότι ὅτι ἐστὶν τις παρὰ ταῦτα

1 γοῦν ZaYPar² : τε οὖν F : οὖν BTWP Par.

2 ἄλλ' ὧν x *corr. in marg.*, *coniecera* Bekker : ἄλλα ὧν P²Par²E1E2² Steph. : ἄλλων ὧν BTPWFE1² : τᾶλλα ὧν *coni.* Heindorf Ficinus [*ceteraque*] : καὶ ἄλλα ὧν Zb : ἀλλὰ ὧν Bas2 : καὶ ἄλλα ὧν *coni.* Findeisen.

3 τούτων γὰρ ποριστικὸν εἶναι BTWP : τοῦτον γὰρ ποριστικὸν εἶναι F : τούτων γὰρ ποριστικὸν *coni.* Sauppe || ὃν *post* σκυτοδεψόν *add.* Dodds.

more able to provide the city what it was desiring. And yet, as for redirecting its desires rather than giving in to them, by persuading and by pushing toward what would make their citizens better, they were not a whit better than these – the one task that defines a good citizen. As to ships and walls and harbors and a lot of other such things, I too agree with you that those men were more clever than these at providing them.

“So I have to say we are making a laughable affair of our arguments. During our whole dialogue we keep going in circles back to the same place, continually ignoring each other and what we are trying to argue. For my part, at least, I think you have agreed and recognized several times that this activity is in a way two-fold, both about the body and about the soul, and that the one part is a serving activity, by which a man becomes able to provide food for our bodies if they are hungry, and drink if thirsty, and cloaks if they are cold, as well as blankets, shoes, and other things for which desire arises in our bodies. And it is right for me to go through the same examples so that you might more easily understand what I am saying: to be a provider of these things, whether by being a merchant, an importer, or indeed a maker of any of the things in question, as a cook or a delicatessen or a weaver or a shoemaker or a tanner, it is not at all strange that, being such, one should seem both to himself and to others to be a caretaker of the body – to anybody, that is, who does not know that besides all

ἀπάσας τέχνη γυμναστική τε καὶ ἰατρική, ἥ¹ δὴ τῷ ὄντι γε² ἔστιν σώματος θεραπεία, ἥνπερ καὶ προσήκει τούτων ἄρχειν πασῶν τῶν τεχνῶν καὶ χρῆσθαι τοῖς τούτων ἔργοις διὰ τὸ εἰδέναι ὅτι τὸ³ χρηστὸν καὶ πονηρὸν τῶν σιτίων ἢ ποτῶν ἔστιν εἰς ἀρετὴν [518] σώματος, τὰς δ' ἄλλας πάσας ταύτας⁴ ἀγνοεῖν· διὸ δὴ καὶ ταύτας μὲν δουλοπρεπεῖς τε καὶ διακονικὰς καὶ ἀνελευθέρους εἶναι περὶ σώματος πραγματεῖαν,⁵ τὰς ἄλλας τέχνας, τὴν δὲ γυμναστικὴν καὶ ἰατρικὴν κατὰ τὸ δίκαιον δεσποίνας εἶναι τούτων.

ταῦτά οὖν ταῦτα ὅτι ἔστιν καὶ περὶ ψυχὴν, τοτὲ μὲν μοι δοκεῖς μανθάνειν ὅτι λέγω,⁶ καὶ ὁμολογεῖς ὡς εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐγὼ λέγω· ἥκεις δὲ ὀλίγον ὕστερον λέγων ὅτι ἄνθρωποι [b] καλοὶ καγαθοὶ γεγόνασιν πολῖται ἐν τῇ πόλει, καὶ ἐπειδὴν ἐγὼ ἐρωτῶ οἵτινες, δοκεῖς μοι ὁμοιοτάτους προτείνεσθαι ἀνθρώπους περὶ τὰ πολιτικά, ὥσπερ ἂν εἰ περὶ τὰ γυμναστικά ἐμοῦ ἐρωτῶντος οἵτινες ἀγαθοὶ γεγόνασιν ἢ εἰσὶν σωμάτων θεραπευταί, ἔλεγές μοι πάνυ σπουδάζων, Θεαρίων ὁ ἀρτοκόπος καὶ Μίθαικος ὁ τὴν ὀψοποιίαν συγγεγραφὼς τὴν Σικελικὴν καὶ Σάραμβος ὁ κάπηλος, ὅτι οὗτοι θαυμάσιοι γεγόνασιν σωμάτων θεραπευταί, ὁ μὲν ἄρτους θαυμαστοὺς [c] παρασκευάζων, ὁ δὲ ὄψον, ὁ δὲ οἶνον. ἴσως ἂν οὖν ἡγανάκτεις, εἰ σοι ἔλεγον ἐγὼ ὅτι Ἄνθρωπε, ἐπαίεις οὐδὲν περὶ γυμναστικῆς· διακόνους μοι λέγεις καὶ ἐπιθυμῶν παρασκευαστὰς ἀνθρώπους, οὐκ

1 ἢ PF : ἢ BTW || ἢ post δὴ add. Theiler.

2 γε F : om. BTWP.

3 ὅτι τὸ BTPW : ὅτι NFlor : ὅτι τε F.

4 ταύτας] ταῦτα conl. Coraes : secl. Morstadt.

5 περὶ σώματος πραγματεῖαν] secl. Dodds : περὶ σῶμα πραγματείας conl. Cobet τὰς ἄλλας τέχνας delens : περὶ σῶμα πραγματείας*** τὰς ἄλλας τέχνας scr. Schanz.

6 ὅτι λέγω] secl. Cobet : an ὅτε λέγω? Stallb.

those professions there is an art consisting in gymnastics and medicine, which is the *true* therapy of the body and which as such properly rules over all those arts and determines the use of their products, because it knows among foods and drinks which is helpful and which harmful as to the virtuous condition (518) of the body, while all those other arts don't; and hence that these latter are slavish and ancillary and dependent concerning the business of the body – the other arts – whereas gymnastics and medicine have just title to be their masters.

“That the same then holds for soul you sometimes seem to understand from my arguments and give me your agreement as if you knew what I was saying, but then a bit later you come and say that we have had certain fine and good political types in our city, and when I ask which men you mean, you appear to me to bring up the very sorts of men in politics as you would answer if I were asking you who are known to be good in gymnastics and in therapy for the body, and you would say to me, in all seriousness, ‘Thearion the baker, and Mithaikos the author of the Sicilian cuisine, and Sarambos the merchant – these are the most wonderful therapists for our bodies, the one for providing us with wonderful loaves, the other with delicacies, and wine the third.’ You might well get upset if I said, ‘Buddy, you are completely clueless about gymnastics: you are talking about servitors, guys who provide for the desires but

ἐπαῖοντας καλὸν καὶ ἀγαθὸν οὐδὲν περὶ αὐτῶν, οἳ, ἂν οὕτω
τύχωσιν, ἐμπλήσαντες καὶ παχύναντες τὰ σώματα τῶν
ἀνθρώπων, ἐπαινούμενοι ὑπ’ αὐτῶν, προσαπολοῦσιν¹
αὐτῶν καὶ τὰς ἀρχαίας σάρκας· οἱ [d] δ’ αὖ δι’ ἀπειρίαν οὐ
τοὺς ἐστιῶντας αἰτιάσονται τῶν νόσων αἰτίους εἶναι καὶ
τῆς ἀποβολῆς τῶν ἀρχαίων σαρκῶν, ἀλλ’ οἱ ἂν αὐτοῖς
τύχωσι τότε παρόντες καὶ συμβουλευόντες τι, ὅταν δὴ²
αὐτοῖς ἦκη ἢ τότε πλησμονὴ νόσον φέρουσα συχνῶ
ὑστερον χρόνῳ, ἅτε ἄνευ τοῦ ὑγιεινοῦ γεγονυῖα, τούτους
αἰτιάσονται καὶ ψέξουσιν καὶ κακόν τι ποιήσουσιν, ἂν οἱοί
τ’ ὦσι, τοὺς δὲ προτέρους ἐκείνους καὶ αἰτίους τῶν κακῶν
[e] ἐγκωμιάσουσιν.

καὶ σὺ νῦν, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, ὁμοιότατον τούτῳ³
ἐργάζῃ· ἐγκωμιάζεις ἀνθρώπους οἱ τούτους εἰστιάκασιν
εὐωχοῦντες ὧν ἐπεθύμουν. καὶ φασὶ μεγάλην τὴν πόλιν
πεποιηκέναι αὐτούς· ὅτι δὲ οἶδεῖ καὶ ὕπουλός ἐστιν [519]
δι’ ἐκείνους τοὺς παλαιούς, οὐκ αἰσθάνονται. ἄνευ γὰρ
σωφροσύνης καὶ δικαιοσύνης λιμένων καὶ νεωρίων καὶ
τειχῶν καὶ φόρων καὶ τοιούτων φλυαριῶν ἐμπεπλήκασιν τὴν
πόλιν· ὅταν οὖν ἔλθῃ ἡ καταβολὴ αὕτη τῆς ἀσθενείας, τοὺς
τότε παρόντας αἰτιάσονται συμβούλους, Θεμιστοκλέα δὲ
καὶ Κίμωνα καὶ Περικλέα ἐγκωμιάσουσιν, τοὺς αἰτίους τῶν
κακῶν· σοὺ δὲ ἴσως ἐπιλήψονται, ἐὰν μὴ εὐλαβῇ, καὶ τοῦ
ἐμοῦ ἐταίρου Ἀλκιβιάδου, ὅταν καὶ τὰ ἀρχαῖα

don’t know the first thing of any worth about them, who
willy-nilly engorge and fatten the bodies of men and
receive their praise in return, but who will only further
destroy what health they started with. And they for their
part, out of inexperience, will not blame those regaling
them as being responsible for their diseases and the loss
of the health they had originally had. Instead it is
whatever persons happen to be there in charge of policy –
the moment all that satiety comes over them to make
them sick, even though soon after, brought on with no
consideration for the healthy – it is these they will blame,
these they will berate, and will do them some harm if
only they are able, but will sing praises to the ones that
started it all and who are responsible for their ills.

“Indeed, Callicles, you are doing the very same
thing. You sing praises for men who regaled our people
and served them up whatever they desired. They say they
have made the city great: but that it is now outwardly
bloated and festering within (519) because of those who
were in power before, this they do not perceive. It was
these after all who, with no regard for moderation or
justice, engorged the city with breakwaters, harbors,
walls, tariffs and taxes, all such stupidities; so when the
onset of weakness occurs this time, it is whoever happens
to be present at that moment that they will blame as their
counsellors, but Themistocles and Cimon and Pericles
they will praise, the ones who are actually responsible for
their ills. And they might just lay their hands on *you*, if
you aren’t careful, and my ally Alcibiades as well – the
day they

1 προσαπολοῦσιν B : προσαπόλλουσιν F : προσαπολλούουσι[v] TPW
Steph.

2 δὴ F : δὲ BTWPf Steph.

3 τούτῳ] τούτοις Aug O1 *coniecera* Cobet.

προσαπολλύωσι [b] πρὸς οἷς ἐκτῆσαντο, οὐκ αἰτίων ὄντων τῶν κακῶν ἀλλ' ἴσως συναιτίων.

καίτοι ἔγωγε ἀνόητον πρᾶγμα καὶ νῦν ὁρῶ γιγνόμενον καὶ ἀκούω¹ τῶν παλαιῶν ἀνδρῶν πέρι· αἰσθάνομαι² γάρ, ὅταν ἡ πόλις τινὰ τῶν πολιτικῶν ἀνδρῶν μεταχειρίζεται ὡς ἀδικοῦντα, ἀγανακτοῦντων καὶ σχετλιαζόντων ὡς δεινὰ πάσχουσι· πολλὰ καὶ ἀγαθὰ τὴν πόλιν πεποιηκότες ἄρα³ ἀδίκως ὑπ' αὐτῆς ἀπόλλυνται, ὡς ὁ τούτων λόγος. τὸ δὲ ὅλον ψεῦδός ἐστιν· προστάτης γὰρ πόλεως [c] οὐδ' ἂν εἷς ποτε ἀδίκως ἀπόλοιτο ὑπ' αὐτῆς⁴ τῆς πόλεως ἧς προστατεῖ. κινδυνεύει γὰρ⁵ ταῦτόν εἶναι, ὅσοι τε πολιτικοὶ προσποιοῦνται εἶναι καὶ ὅσοι σοφισταί. καὶ γὰρ οἱ σοφισταί, τᾶλλα σοφοὶ ὄντες, τοῦτο ἄτοπον ἐργάζονται πρᾶγμα· φάσκοντες γὰρ ἀρετῆς διδάσκαλοι εἶναι πολλάκις κατηγοροῦσιν τῶν μαθητῶν ὡς ἀδικοῦσι σφᾶς αὐτούς,⁶ τοὺς τε μισθοὺς ἀποστεροῦντες καὶ ἄλλην χάριν οὐκ ἀποδιδόντες, [d] εὖ παθόντες ὑπ' αὐτῶν. καὶ τούτου τοῦ λόγου τί ἂν ἀλογώτερον εἴη πρᾶγμα, ἀνθρώπους ἀγαθοὺς καὶ δικαίους γενομένους, ἐξαιρεθέντας μὲν ἀδικίαν ὑπὸ τοῦ διδασκάλου, σχόντας⁷ δὲ δικαιοσύνην, ἀδικεῖν τούτῳ δ⁸ οὐκ ἔχουσιν;

... οὐ δοκεῖ σοι τοῦτο⁹ ἄτοπον εἶναι, ὦ ἐταῖρε;

1 ἀκούω BTWPF : οὐκ ἀκούω F.

2 πέρι· αἰσθάνομαι γὰρ B²T²W Steph. : περιαισθάνομαι BTP : ****
ὑπεραισθάνομαι F : πέρι in lac. suppl. et υπερ punctis del. f.

3 ἄρα] ἄρα Q?QbZaNFlo Steph.

4 αὐτῆς BTP : αὐτῆς ταύτης F Aristides : ταύτης coni. Heindorf.

5 γὰρ] ἄρα scr. Deuschle (1859).

6 σφᾶς αὐτούς TWPF : σφᾶς αὐτούς B Steph. : σφᾶς coni. Bekker.

7 σχόντας BT : ἔχοντας WPFPar².

8 δ BTWP Steph. : ἀλλ' F : ᾧ fQNFlor.

9 τοῦτο mss. : om. F.

lose their principal capital in addition to what they have made with it, even though you and he are not the cause of their troubles, though you might just be guilty in part.

“Just so what I see among the present ones is as mindless as what I hear about the greats that came before. I notice that once the city starts treating one of their political men as a wrongdoer they become vexed and complain how horribly they are being treated: ‘Despite having done all the great things they have done, my gosh! how unjustly they are being brought down by her!’ – so they say. But the whole story is a lie: No *leader* in a city would ever be unjustly brought down by the very city he is leading! And perhaps it is the same with the sophists as with these pretend-politicians. For in fact the sophists, though wise in every field, do the same strange thing: although they claim to be teachers of virtue, they are known to bring accusations against their students for doing them wrong, in shorting them their fees let alone giving them any thanks at all, although they had treated them so well. And yet what reasoning could be more unreasonable than this, namely, that men who are becoming good and just by first being stripped clean of injustice by their teacher and then acquiring justice in its place, should commit injustice with the very instrument they no longer possess?

“... Doesn’t that seem strange to you, my friend

... ὥς ἀληθῶς δημηγορεῖν με¹ ἠνάγκασας, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, οὐκ ἐθέλων ἀποκρίνεσθαι.

ΚΑΛ. σὺ δ' οὐκ ἂν οἴός τε ἡς² λέγειν, εἰ μή τίς σοι ἀποκρίνοιτο; [e]

ΣΩ. ἔοικά γε· νῦν γοῦν³ συχνοὺς τείνω τῶν λόγων, ἐπειδὴ μοι οὐκ ἐθέλεις ἀποκρίνεσθαι. ἀλλ', ὠγαθέ, εἰπέ πρὸς Φιλίου, οὐ δοκεῖ σοι ἄλογον εἶναι ἀγαθὸν φάσκοντα πεποιηκέναι τινὰ μέμφεσθαι τούτῳ ὅτι ὑφ' ἑαυτοῦ⁴ ἀγαθὸς γεγονώς τε καὶ ὦν ἔπειτα πονηρὸς ἐστίν;

ΚΑΛ. ἔμοιγε δοκεῖ.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν ἀκούεις τοιαῦτα λεγόντων τῶν φασκόντων παιδεύειν ἀνθρώπους εἰς ἀρετήν;

[520] ΚΑΛ. ἔγωγε· ἀλλὰ τί ἂν λέγοις ἀνθρώπων πέρι οὐδενὸς ἀξίων;

ΣΩ. τί δ' ἂν περὶ ἐκείνων λέγοις, οἳ φάσκοντες προεστάναι τῆς πόλεως καὶ ἐπιμελεῖσθαι ὅπως ὡς βελτίστη ἔσται, πάλιν αὐτῆς κατηγοροῦσιν, ὅταν τύχωσιν, ὡς πονηροτάτης; οἷε τι διαφέρειν τούτους ἐκείνων; ταῦτόν, ὦ μακάρι', ἐστὶν σοφιστῆς καὶ ῥήτωρ, ἢ ἐγγύς τι καὶ παραπλήσιον, ὥσπερ ἐγὼ ἔλεγον πρὸς Πῶλον· σὺ δὲ δι' ἄγνοιαν [b] τὸ μὲν πάγκαλόν τι οἷε εἶναι, τὴν ῥητορικὴν, τοῦ δὲ καταφρονεῖς. τῇ δὲ ἀληθείᾳ κάλλιον ἐστὶν σοφιστικὴ ῥητορικῆς ὅσῳ περ νομοθετικὴ δικαστικῆς καὶ γυμναστικὴ ἰατρικῆς· μόνοις δ' ἔγωγε καὶ⁵ ὥμην τοῖς

1 με TPFb : μὲν B.

2 τε ἡς F : τ' εἴης BTWP.

3 γοῦν BF : γ' οὖν T : δὲ *in marg.* t : δ' οὖν P : γὰρ Y.

4 ὑφ' ἑαυτοῦ mss. : ὑπ' αὐτῶν F : ὑπ' αὐτοῦ Za.

5 καὶ mss. : *om.* NFlor.

“... And look: I grant I am making a big speech, compelled to do so by you, Callicles, since you are unwilling to answer!”

Call. “As if you would be unable to speak if there was no one to answer you!”

Soc. “It seems I could! At the moment at least I am drawing out long swathes of argument since you are unwilling to answer. But, my good man, tell me in the name of friendship: don't you think it nonsense that after claiming to have made an individual virtuous, he should be criticizing him, claiming that although he became and now is virtuous under his tutelage, in the next breath he's the opposite of virtuous?”

Call. “I do.”

Soc. “And do you hear such things said by those who claim to be educating men to become virtuous?”

[520] Call. “I do, and yet what else is there to say about such worthless types?”

Soc. “And what would you have to say about the ones we were just talking about, the ones who after claiming they have taken charge of the city and are concerning themselves with making her as virtuous as she can be, turn on her at some point and accuse her of the uttermost vice? Do you think these are any different from those? My blessed fellow, an orator is the same as a sophist, or nearly so and equivalent, as I argued with Polus. Out of ignorance you think the one thing is sensational – oratory – but the other you despise. In truth, sophistic is more admirable than oratory to the extent that legislation is more admirable than remedial justice and gymnastics than medicine. These together but only these,

δημηγόροις τε καὶ σοφισταῖς οὐκ ἐγχωρεῖν μέμφεσθαι
τούτῳ τῷ πράγματι ὃ αὐτοὶ παιδεύουσιν, ὥς πονηρόν ἐστιν
εἰς σφᾶς, ἢ τῷ αὐτῷ λόγῳ τούτῳ ἅμα καὶ ἑαυτῶν
κατηγορεῖν ὅτι οὐδὲν ὠφελήκασιν οὕς φασιν ὠφελεῖν. οὐχ
οὕτως ἔχει; [c]

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. καὶ προέσθαι γε δήπου τὴν εὐεργεσίαν ἄνευ
μισθοῦ, ὥς τὸ εἶκος, μόνοις τούτοις ἐνεχώρει, εἴπερ ἀληθῆ
ἔλεγον. ἄλλην μὲν γὰρ εὐεργεσίαν τις εὐεργετηθεὶς, οἷον
ταχὺς γενόμενος διὰ παιδοτρίβην, ἴσως ἂν ἀποστερήσειε
τὴν χάριν, εἰ προσῖτο αὐτῷ ὁ παιδοτρίβης καὶ μὴ
συνθέμενος αὐτῷ¹ μισθὸν ὅτι μάλιστα ἅμα μεταδιδούς τοῦ
τάχους λαμβάνει [d] τὸ ἀργύριον· οὐ γὰρ δὴ τῇ² βραδυτῇτι
οἶμαι ἀδικοῦσιν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, ἀλλ' ἀδικία· ἢ γάρ;

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν εἴ τις αὐτὸ τοῦτο ἀφαιρεῖ, τὴν ἀδικίαν,
οὐδὲν δεινὸν αὐτῷ μήποτε ἀδικηθῇ, ἀλλὰ³ μόνῳ ἀσφαλὲς
ταύτην τὴν εὐεργεσίαν προέσθαι, εἴπερ τῷ ὄντι δύναιτό τις
ἀγαθοὺς ποιεῖν. οὐχ οὕτω;

ΚΑΛ. φημί.

ΣΩ. διὰ ταῦτ' ἄρα, ὥς ἔοικε, τὰς⁴ μὲν ἄλλας
συμβουλὰς συμβουλεύειν λαμβάνοντα ἀργύριον, οἷον
οἰκοδομίας περὶ ἣ τῶν ἄλλων τεχνῶν, οὐδὲν αἰσχρόν. [e]

1 αὐτῷ mss. : om. F : αὐτῷ B.

2 γὰρ δὴ τῇ F : γὰρ τῇ BTWP : γὰρ δὴ NFlor coniecerat Hirschig [1873] :
γὰρ scr. Lodge.

3 ἀλλὰ FPar² : ἀλλ' ὁ BTWP : ἀλλ' ὅ E3Zb vetted.

4 τὰς BTP : δὴ τὰς F.

I also was thinking – the public speakers and sophists –
are barred from faulting the very thing they themselves
teach as wreaking evil against themselves, else at the
same time and by this same argument they are accusing
themselves of not having helped at all those they claim to
be helping. Isn't that so?"

Call. "Quite."

Soc. "And to afford to give their help free of
charge was in all likelihood possible only for them, if in
fact my claim is true. For if it is some other help one has
actually been helped by, such as to have become quicker
through the services of a trainer, he would perhaps
withhold his thanks if the trainer should render his
services for free, and not having agreed with him on a fee
should try to collect his pay right at the moment he
conferred speed onto him. For I don't think it is by
slowness that men commit injustice but by injustice."

Call. "Yes."

Soc. "Now if one strips away *this* thing –
injustice – he needs not at all worry he will ever be
treated unjustly: rather, he alone becomes safe in giving
his services for free, if in truth one should be able to
make men virtuous. No?"

Call. "Yes."

Soc. "This then is the reason, it seems, that
taking money to give consultation in other areas, as for
instance house-building or the other arts, is nothing to be
ashamed of."

ΚΑΛ. ἔοικέ γε.

ΣΩ. περὶ δέ γε ταύτης τῆς πράξεως, ὄντιν' ἂν τις τρόπον ὡς βέλτιστος¹ εἶη καὶ ἄριστα τὴν αὐτοῦ οἰκίαν διοικοῖ ἢ πόλιν, αἰσχροὺς νενόμισται μὴ φάναι συμβουλεύειν, ἐὰν μὴ τις αὐτῷ ἀργύριον διδῷ. ἦ γάρ;

ΚΑΛ. ναί.

ΣΩ. δῆλον γὰρ ὅτι τοῦτο αἰτιὸν ἐστίν, ὅτι μόνη αὕτη τῶν εὐεργεσιῶν τὸν εὖ παθόντα ἐπιθυμεῖν ποιεῖ ἀντ' εὖ ποιεῖν,² ὥστε καλὸν δοκεῖ τὸ σημεῖον εἶναι ὡς³ εὖ ποιήσας ταύτην τὴν εὐεργεσίαν,⁴ ἀντ' εὖ πείσεται· εἰ δὲ μή, οὐ. ἔστι ταῦτα οὕτως ἔχοντα;

[521] ΚΑΛ. ἔστιν.

ΣΩ. ἐπὶ ποτέραν οὖν με παρακαλεῖς τὴν⁵ θεραπείαν τῆς πόλεως, διόρισόν μοι· τὴν τοῦ διαμάχεσθαι Ἀθηναίοις ὅπως ὡς βέλτιστοι ἔσονται, ὡς ἰατρον, ἢ ὡς διακονήσοντα καὶ πρὸς χάριν ὁμιλήσοντα; τάληθῇ μοι εἰπέ, Καλλίκλεις.⁶ δίκαιος γὰρ εἶ, ὥσπερ ἤρξω παρρησιάζεσθαι πρὸς ἐμέ, διατελεῖν ἃ νοεῖς λέγων. καὶ νῦν εὖ καὶ γενναίως εἰπέ.

ΚΑΛ. λέγω τοίνυν ὅτι διακονήσοντα.⁷ [b]

1 βέλτιστος FPar² Olymp.[λ] Steph. : βέλτιστον BTPW Par : βέλτιστα NFlor.

2 ἀντ' εὖ ποιεῖν B : ἀντευποεῖν mss. || ἀντ' εὖ πείσεται Steph. : ἀντευπείσεται mss.

3 ὡς εὖ ποιήσας corr. Za : εἰ εὖ ποιήσας mss. : εὖ ποιήσας coni. Schleiermacher : εἰ ὁ εὖ ποιήσας coni. Heindorf.

4 ταύτην τὴν εὐεργασίαν] secl. Sauppe.

5 τὴν] om. NFlorY.

6 Καλλίκλεις BTPW Steph. : ὦ Καλλικλείς F.

7 διακονήσοντα F : ὡς διακονήσοντα.

Call. “So it seems.”

Soc. “Whereas in counseling on *this* activity – how one might be as noble as possible and might best manage his household or his city – we take for granted that it is shameful to refuse to give counsel on condition of being paid. True?”

Call. “Yes.”

Soc. “For clearly it is because this benefit, alone among benefits, made its beneficiary desire to do good in return, so that there is good reason to believe that in rendering benefit in this way one will be treated well in return – but if he does not, he will not. Is this the way it is?” (521)

Call. “It is.”

Soc. “So distinguish for me which of the two kinds of ministering it is that are you encouraging me to take up in ministering to the city. Is it the ministry of taking up cudgels for the Athenians that they be as noble as possible, analogous to that of the doctor, or that of a servitor with the purpose of catering to their gratification? Tell me the truth, Callicles, for it is only right that just as you embarked upon speaking frankly to me you should tell the rest of what you have in mind. Speak again with all your noble brashness!”

Call. “I will say catering.”

ΣΩ. κολακεύσοντα ἄρα με, ὃ γενναιότατε, παρακαλεῖς.

ΚΑΛ. εἴ σοι Μυσόν γε ἥδιον καλεῖν, ὃ Σώκρατες· ὥς εἰ μὴ ταῦτά γε ποιήσεις ...

ΣΩ. μὴ εἴπῃς ὁ πολλάκις εἴρηκας, ὅτι ἀποκτενεῖ με ὁ βουλόμενος, ἵνα μὴ αὖ καὶ ἐγὼ εἴπω, ὅτι Πονηρός γε ὢν ἀγαθὸν ὄντα· μὴδ' ὅτι ἀφαιρήσεται ἐάν τι ἔχω, ἵνα μὴ αὖ¹ ἐγὼ εἴπω ὅτι ἄλλ' ἀφελόμενος οὐχ ἔξει ὅτι χρήσεται² αὐτοῖς, ἀλλ' ὥσπερ με ἀδίκως ἀφείλετο, οὕτω³ καὶ [c] λαβὼν ἀδίκως χρήσεται, εἰ δὲ ἀδίκως, αἰσχροῶς, εἰ δὲ αἰσχροῶς, κακῶς.⁴

ΚΑΛ. ὥς μοι δοκεῖς, ὃ Σώκρατες, πιστεύειν⁵ μὴδ' ἂν ἐν τούτων παθεῖν, ὥς οἰκῶν ἐκποδὼν καὶ οὐκ ἂν εἰσαχθεὶς εἰς δικαστήριον ὑπὸ πάνυ ἴσως μοχθηροῦ ἀνθρώπου καὶ φαύλου.⁶

ΣΩ. ἀνόητος ἄρα εἰμί, ὃ Καλλίκλεις, ὥς ἀληθῶς, εἰ μὴ οἶομαι ἐν τῇδε τῇ πόλει ὄντιν οὖν ἂν ὅτι τύχοι, τοῦτο παθεῖν. τόδε μέντοι εὖ οἶδ' ὅτι, ἐάνπερ εἰσῶ εἰς δικαστήριον περὶ [d] τούτων τινὸς κινδυνεύων, ὃ⁷ σὺ λέγεις, πονηρός τίς μ' ἔσται ὁ εἰσάγων—οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἂν

Soc. “Pandering, then, you are encouraging me to do, my most brash of men.”

Call. “Call it what you will, Socrates. You’d better *do* it, or else ...”

Soc. “Don’t say what you have said so many times: ‘or else anybody who wants will kill me,’ for then I’ll have again to say ‘he being evil, me a good man.’ Nor say he will strip me of whatever I own, or else I’ll say, ‘But what he strips from me will be of no use to him,’ and that ‘just as he stripped me unjustly so will he use what he took unjustly – and if unjustly, shamefully – and if shamefully, badly.’”

Call. “How you seem to trust, Socrates, that you could not undergo any one of these things, as if you lived out of reach and so could not just be dragged into court by some man quite evil and insignificant.”

Soc. “A nitwit I am in very truth, as you say, Callicles, if I do not think that anybody could have who-knows-what done to him in this city! But of this I am certain, that if I do indeed find myself hauled into court and facing one of these dangers, then as you yourself say it will be a base man that brought me in – no worthy man

1 αὖ ἐγὼ] αὖ καὶ ἐγὼ S1S2 Steph. *vett.edd.*

2 χρήσεται] χρήσεται *coni.* Schanz.

3 οὕτω F : οὕτως BTPW.

4 κακῶς BTP Steph. *in marg.* : καὶ κακῶς F Steph.

5 δοκεῖς ὃ Σώκρατες πιστεύειν F Steph. : δοκεῖς Σώκρατες πιστεύειν E1²E2² : δοκεῖ Σώκρατες πιστεύειν BTWP : δοκεῖ ὃ Σώκρατες πιστεύειν *fons codicis* R *teste* Cantarin Ald. Bas. : δοκεῖς ὃ Σώκρατες πιστεύειν *coni.* Heindorf : δοκεῖ Σωκράτης πιστεύειν *coni.* Schanz.

6 ὑπὸ ... φαύλου] *secl.* Deuschle.

7 ὃ BTPF : ὢν Za *coniecera*t Heindorf.

χρηστὸς μὴ ἀδικοῦντ' ἄνθρωπον εἰσαγάγοι¹—καὶ οὐδέν γε ἄτοπον εἰ ἀποθάνοιμι. βούλει σοι εἶπω δι' ὅτι ταῦτα προσδοκῶ;

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. οἶμαι μετ' ὀλίγων Ἀθηναίων, ἵνα μὴ εἶπω μόνος, ἐπιχειρεῖν τῇ ὡς ἀληθῶς πολιτικῇ τέχνῃ καὶ πράττειν τὰ πολιτικά μόνος τῶν νῦν.² ἅτε οὖν οὐ πρὸς χάριν λέγων τοὺς λόγους οὕς λέγω ἐκάστοτε, ἀλλὰ πρὸς τὸ βέλτιστον, οὐ πρὸς [e] τὸ ἥδιστον, καὶ οὐκ ἐθέλων ποιεῖν ἃ σὺ παραινεῖς, τὰ κομψὰ ταῦτα, οὐχ ἔξω ὅτι λέγω ἐν τῷ δικαστηρίῳ. ὁ αὐτὸς δέ μοι ἦκει λόγος ὅνπερ πρὸς Πῶλον ἔλεγον· κρινοῦμαι γὰρ ὡς ἐν παιδίῳ ἰατρὸς ἂν κρίνοιτο κατηγοροῦντος ὀψοποιοῦ. σκόπει γάρ, τί ἂν ἀπολογοῖτο ὁ τοιοῦτος ἄνθρωπος ἐν τοιούτοις³ ληφθεὶς, εἰ αὐτοῦ κατηγοροῖ τις λέγων ὅτι ὦ παῖδες, πολλὰ ὑμᾶς καὶ κακὰ ὁδε εἵργασται ἀνὴρ⁴ καὶ αὐτούς, καὶ τοὺς νεωτάτους ὑμῶν διαφθείρει τέμνων τε καὶ κάων, καὶ [522] ἰσχυαίνων καὶ πνίγων ἀπορεῖν ποιεῖ,⁵ πικρότατα πόματα⁶ διδοὺς καὶ πεινῆν καὶ διψῆν ἀναγκάζων, οὐχ ὥσπερ ἐγὼ πολλὰ καὶ ἡδέα καὶ παντοδαπὰ ἠνώχουν ὑμᾶς· τί ἂν οἶει ἐν τούτῳ τῷ κακῷ ἀποληφθέντα ἰατρὸν ἔχειν εἰπεῖν; ἢ εἰ⁷ εἴποι τὴν ἀλήθειαν, ὅτι ταῦτα πάντα ἐγὼ ἐποίουν, ὦ παῖδες, ὑγιεινῶς,

1 εἰσαγάγοι BTWP : εἰσάγοι F Steph.

2 νῦν BTP : νυνὶ F.

3 τοιούτοις F : τούτοις BTP Steph.

4 ἀνὴρ] ἀνὴρ *coni.* Bekker : ὁ ἀνὴρ Ast (1819).

5 ἀπορεῖν ποιεῖ] *secl.* Madvig.

6 πόματα] πέμματα *fons codicis* R *teste* Cantarín : πόματα *coni.* Bekker.

7 ἢ εἰ F : εἰ *secl. punctis* f Steph. *in marg.* Schanz : ἢ BTWPf : εἰ

Za^{marg.} ZbAugOl.

would bring me in, being a person guilty of nothing – and it would be nothing strange if I should be killed. Would you like to know why I expect this?”

Call. “Very much.”

Soc. “I imagine that few Athenians, maybe myself alone, are putting their hand to what truly deserves the name of political *art* and that I alone among current men am practicing “politics” in that sense. So, since it is not for entertainment that I say what I say in my daily conversations but for the noblest and not the most pleasing, and since I am unwilling to practice what you recommend – ‘these subtleties of yours’ – I will indeed be at a loss for words in the law-courts. I’ll put it the way I put it to Polus: I will be judged the way a physician accused by a maker of delicacies would be judged in a court of children. Just think how such a man would defend himself, brought before such a jury, against an accuser who would say, ‘Children of the jury, many are the evils this man I bring before you has wreaked on you – upon your very persons! Even the youngest among you he has debilitated with his cutting and burning, and (522) by starving and suffocating you he stops you in your tracks, giving you the bitterest of drinks or forcing you to fast or thirst, so different from me who have been regaling you with such a wide variety of sweets!’ What do you fancy the physician, caught up in this evil situation, would have to say in his defense? Or, if he spoke the truth and said, ‘I confess I have done all those things, children, but *for your health*,’ how big an outcry

πόσον¹ τι οἶει ἂν ἀναβοῇσαι τοὺς τοιούτους δικαστάς; οὐ μέγα;

ΚΑΛ. ἴσως· οἶεσθαί γε χρή.²

ΣΩ. οὐκοῦν οἶει ἐν πάσῃ ἀπορίᾳ ἂν αὐτὸν ἔχεσθαι ὅτι [b] χρή εἰπεῖν;³

ΚΑΛ. πάνυ γε.

ΣΩ. τοιοῦτον μέντοι καὶ ἐγὼ οἶδα ὅτι πάθος πάθοιμι ἂν εἰσελθὼν εἰς δικαστήριον. οὔτε γὰρ ἡδονὰς ἄς⁴ ἐκπεπόρικα ἔξω αὐτοῖς λέγειν, ἄς οὔτοι εὐεργεσίας καὶ ὠφελίας νομίζουσιν, ἐγὼ δὲ οὔτε τοὺς πορίζοντας ζηλῶ οὔτε οἷς πορίζεται· ἐάν τέ τις με ἢ νεωτέρους⁵ φῇ διαφθείρειν ἀπορεῖν ποιοῦντα, ἢ τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους κακηγορεῖν⁶ λέγοντα πικροὺς λόγους ἢ ἰδίᾳ ἢ δημοσίᾳ, οὔτε τὸ ἀληθὲς ἔξω εἰπεῖν, ὅτι δικαίως [c] πάντα ταῦτα ἐγὼ λέγω καὶ πράττω, τὸ ὑμέτερον δὴ τοῦτο, ὃ ἄνδρες δικασταί, οὔτε ἄλλο οὐδέν· ὥστε ἴσως, ὅτι ἂν τύχω, τοῦτο πείσομαι.

ΚΑΛ. δοκεῖ οὖν σοι, ὃ Σώκρατες, καλῶς ἔχειν ἄνθρωπος ἐν πόλει οὕτως⁷ διακείμενος καὶ ἀδύνατος ὢν ἑαυτῷ βοηθεῖν;

1 πόσον F : ὁπόσον BTP || οἶει ἂν TPWb : ποιεῖ ἂν B : οἶει F : ἂν οἶει.

2 ΣΩ. οὐ μέγα; – ΚΑ. ἴσως· οἶεσθαί γε χρή mss. : ΣΩ. οὐ μέγα; οἶεσθαί γε χρή – ΚΑ. ἴσως *coni.* Fortman : ΣΩ. οὐ μέγα; – ΚΑ. ἴσως – ΣΩ. οἶεσθαί γε χρή Dodds : ΣΩ. οὐ μέγα – ΚΑ. [ἴσως] οἶεσθαί γε χρή *coni.* Hirschig Cobet : ΣΩ. [οὐ μέγα;] – ΚΑ. [ἴσως] οἶεσθαί γε χρή *coni.* Christ.

3 εἰπεῖν BTPF Ficinus [*suae defensionis*] : ποιεῖν W.

4 ἡδονὰς ἄς TWPF : ἡδονὰς B.

5 νεωτέρους] τοὺς νεωτέρους *coni.* Hirschig.

6 κακηγορεῖν BTf : κατηγορεῖν WPF Steph.

7 οὕτως “four Florentine mss. and the Meerm” [= O1] *teste* Stallb. *silet* Cantarin! : οὕτω Steph.

do you imagine would then break out among such jurors as these? Wouldn’t it be deafening?”

Call. “Perhaps? You can bet on it!”

Soc. “And so do you imagine he would be entirely unable to make his case?”

Call. “Quite.”

Soc. “So there you have the sort of treatment I, too, know I would suffer, if I went into court. For neither will I have pleasures to tell of having provided – which they would count as good deeds and benefits, whereas I neither envy those who provide nor know the means by which a pleasure is provided – and if someone claims that I corrupt young men by making them stop in their tracks, or that I slander their elders by saying things they find bitter, before others or in private, I will not be given a hearing to say, ‘*For justice* I say and do all this, indeed in your interest, men of the jury!’ nor to say anything else. So yes: ‘perhaps’ just about anything will happen to me.”

Call. “And so would you judge a man honorable, if he had such standing in his city as you describe, unable to help himself?”

ΣΩ. εἰ ἐκεῖνό γε ἐν¹ αὐτῷ ὑπάρχοι, ὃ Καλλίκλεις, ὃ σὺ πολλάκις ὠμολόγησας· εἰ βεβοηθηκῶς εἴη αὐτῷ, μήτε περὶ [d] ἀνθρώπους μήτε περὶ θεοὺς ἄδικον μηδὲν μήτε εἰρηκῶς μήτε εἰργασμένους. αὕτη² γὰρ τῆς βοηθείας³ ἑαυτῷ πολλάκις ἡμῖν ὠμολόγηται κρατίστη εἶναι. εἰ μὲν οὖν ἐμέ τις ἐξελέγχοι ταύτην τὴν βοήθειαν ἀδύνατον ὄντα ἑμαυτῷ καὶ ἄλλῳ βοηθεῖν, αἰσχυνοίμην ἂν καὶ ἐν πολλοῖς καὶ ἐν ὀλίγοις ἐξελεγχόμενος καὶ μόνος ὑπὸ μόνου, καὶ εἰ διὰ⁴ ταύτην τὴν ἀδυναμίαν ἀποθνήσκοιμι, ἀγανακτοίην ἂν· εἰ δὲ κολακικῆς ῥητορικῆς ἐνδεία τελευτῶν ἔγωγε, εὖ οἶδα ὅτι ῥαδίως ἴδοις ἂν με⁵ φέροντα [e] τὸν θάνατον. αὐτὸ μὲν γὰρ τὸ ἀποθνήσκειν οὐδεὶς φοβεῖται, ὅστις μὴ παντάπασιν ἀλόγιστός τε καὶ ἄνανδρός ἐστιν, τὸ δὲ ἀδικεῖν φοβεῖται· πολλῶν γὰρ ἀδικημάτων γέμοντα τὴν ψυχὴν εἰς Ἄϊδου ἀφικέσθαι πάντων ἔσχατον κακῶν⁶ ἐστίν. εἰ δὲ βούλει, σοὶ ἐγώ, ὥς τοῦτο οὕτως ἔχει, ἐθέλω λόγον λέξαι.

ΚΑΛ. ἀλλ’ ἐπεῖπερ γε καὶ τᾶλλα ἐπέρανας, καὶ τοῦτο πέρανον.

[523] ΣΩ. ἄκουε δὴ, φασί, μάλα καλοῦ λόγου, ὃν σὺ μὲν ἡγήσῃ μῦθον, ὥς ἐγὼ οἶμαι, ἐγὼ δὲ λόγον· ὥς ἀληθῆ γὰρ ὄντα σοὶ λέξω ἃ μέλλω λέγειν.

1 ἐν (C7) *coni.* Coraes : ἐν BTPF.

2 αὕτη BTWP : αὐτὴ F : τοιαύτη *coni.* Madvig.

3 τῆς βοηθείας F : τις βοήθεια BTP : ἡ βοήθεια *coni.* Cobet : τις ἡ βοήθεια *coni.* Hirschig : τοι βοήθεια *coni.* Sauppe.

4 καὶ εἰ διὰ btwpF : καὶ ἰδίᾳ BT : ἰδίᾳ WP : ἰδίᾳ καὶ διὰ Za (*mox ei ante αποθν. addens*) : εἰ διὰ S1YR (*teste Bekker*).

5 ῥαδίως ἴδοις ἂν με BTW : ἴδοις ἂν με ῥαδίως F.

6 κακῶν BTWP : κακόν F Olymp[π].

Soc “Only, if he has within himself that one asset, as you have often agreed: if he himself was his defense, for never having said or done anything against men or against gods. This is the most important kind of help for himself, as we have often agreed. So, if someone should with argument show me out as unable to help myself or help another with *this* kind of help, I would be ashamed for being shown out, whether in the presence of many or of few, or even alone with him; and if I were put to death because of this sort of inability I would be very upset. But if it is because of a shortage of pandering oratory that I should meet my end, I am sure you would see me accepting my death lightly. The mere fact of death nobody fears, unless he be utterly destitute of intelligence and bravery, but committing injustice he surely does fear: That a soul should arrive in Hades freighted with unjust acts is the worst of all evils. And if you’ll consent, I would tell you a story.”

Call. “Now that you’ve gone all the way with the other, go the rest of the way with this.” (523)

Soc. “‘Hearken then,’ as they say, ‘to a very fine story,’ which I’d guess you will take to be a myth, whereas I think it factual. What I am about to say I will say believing it true.

ὥσπερ γὰρ Ὅμηρος λέγει, διενείμαντο τὴν ἀρχὴν ὁ Ζεὺς καὶ ὁ Ποσειδῶν καὶ ὁ Πλούτων, ἐπειδὴ παρὰ τοῦ πατρὸς παρέλαβον. ἦν οὖν νόμος ὅδε περὶ ἀνθρώπων ἐπὶ Κρόνου,¹ καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ νῦν ἔτι ἔστιν ἐν θεοῖς, τῶν ἀνθρώπων τὸν μὲν δικαίως τὸν βίον διελθόντα καὶ [b] ὁσίως, ἐπειδὴν τελευτήσῃ, εἰς μακάρων νήσους ἀπιόντα οἰκεῖν ἐν πάσῃ εὐδαιμονίᾳ ἐκτὸς κακῶν, τὸν δὲ ἀδίκως καὶ ἀθέως εἰς τὸ τῆς δίκης τε καὶ τίσεως² δεσμωτήριον, ὃ δὴ Τάρταρον καλοῦσιν, ἰέναι. τούτων δὲ δικασταὶ ἐπὶ Κρόνου καὶ ἔτι νεωστὶ τοῦ Διὸς τὴν ἀρχὴν ἔχοντος ζῶντες ἦσαν ζώντων, ἐκείνη τῇ³ ἡμέρᾳ δικάζοντες ἢ μέλλοιεν τελευτᾶν·

κακῶς οὖν αἱ δίκαι ἐκρίνοντο. ὃ τε οὖν Πλούτων καὶ οἱ ἐπιμεληταὶ οἱ⁴ ἐκ μακάρων νήσων ἰόντες ἔλεγον πρὸς τὸν Δία ὅτι φοιτῶν [c] σφιν ἄνθρωποι ἐκατέρωσε ἀνάξιοι. εἶπεν οὖν ὁ Ζεὺς· ἀλλ’ ἐγώ, ἔφη, παύσω τοῦτο γιγνόμενον. νῦν μὲν γὰρ κακῶς αἱ δίκαι δικάζονται. ἀμπεχόμενοι γάρ, ἔφη, οἱ κρινόμενοι κρίνονται· ζῶντες γὰρ κρίνονται. πολλοὶ οὖν, ἢ δ’ ὅς, ψυχὰς πονηρὰς ἔχοντες ἡμφοισμένοι εἰσὶ σώματά τε καλὰ καὶ γένη καὶ πλούτους, καί, ἐπειδὴν ἢ κρίσις ἦ, ἔρχονται αὐτοῖς πολλοὶ μάρτυρες, ματυρήσοντες⁵ ὥς δικαίως βεβιώκασιν· [d] οἱ οὖν δικασταὶ ὑπὸ τε τούτων ἐκπλήττονται, καὶ ἅμα καὶ αὐτοὶ ἀμπεχόμενοι δικάζουσι, πρὸ τῆς ψυχῆς τῆς αὐτῶν

“As Homer tells us, Zeus and Poseidon and Pluto arranged to divide the rule among themselves after they took it over from their father. Now the law concerning men, under the regime of Cronus as it ever was and still is among the gods – is this: Whoever among men went through his life justly and piously, once he died he was to go off to the Islands of the Blessed and live there in complete happiness exempt from evils, but if unjustly and atheistically, he was to go to the prison of judgment and vengeance which they call Tartarus. The judges over these, in the time of Cronus and up until Zeus newly took control, were living judges judging the living, and they rendered their verdicts on the very day a man was to die.

“They were rendering their verdicts poorly. Pluto, along with the caretakers of the Islands of the Blessed, came and told Zeus that men were arriving into both their demesnes who did not deserve it, some into this and others into that. Zeus said, ‘I know it well, and I will be putting an end to it: at present, the judges are rendering their judgments ill. The men are clothed as they are being judged,’ he said, ‘since they are being judged while still alive. Many of them, though they have wicked souls, are clothed in beautiful bodies with marks of their family and wealth, and during the judgment many witnesses come forward witnessing on their behalf that they had lived just lives. The judges are distracted by these,’ he said, ‘and at the same time are themselves clothed as they render their judgments, their souls ensconced behind their eyes and

1 ἐπὶ Κρόνου] καὶ ἐπὶ Κρόνου Plutarch || καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ νῦν] ἀεὶ καὶ νῦν F.
2 τῆς δίκης τε καὶ τίσεως Plutarch : τῆς τίσεως τε καὶ τῆς δίκης mss.
Ficinus [*in punitionis iustique supplicii carcerem*] : τῆς τίσεως Eusebii
ms.B Procl. : τῆς κρίσεως τε καὶ δίκης Thdt.
3 τῇ F Plut. Stob. Olymp.[λ] : om. BTWP.
4 οἱ ἐπιμεληταὶ οἱ Plutarch : οἱ ἐπιμεληταὶ BTPF Stob. Steph.
5 μάρτυρες, ματυρήσοντες mss. : ματυρήσοντες Plutarch :
ματυρήσοντες secl. Cobet.

ὀφθαλμοὺς καὶ ὦτα καὶ ὅλον τὸ σῶμα προκεκαλυμμένοι. ταῦτα δὴ αὐτοῖς πάντα ἐπίπροσθεν γίνεταί, καὶ τὰ αὐτῶν ἀμφιέσματα καὶ τὰ τῶν κρινομένων. πρῶτον μὲν οὖν, ἔφη, παυστέον ἐστὶν προειδόμενος αὐτοὺς τὸν θάνατον· νῦν γὰρ¹ προῖσασι. τοῦτο μὲν οὖν καὶ δὴ εἴρηται τῷ Προμηθεῖ [e] ὅπως ἂν παύσῃ αὐτῶν.² ἔπειτα γυμνοὺς κριτέον ἀπάντων τούτων· τεθνεῶτας γὰρ δεῖ κρίνεσθαι. καὶ τὸν κριτὴν δεῖ γυμνὸν εἶναι, τεθνεῶτα, αὐτῇ τῇ ψυχῇ αὐτὴν τὴν ψυχὴν θεωροῦντα ἐξαίφνης ἀποθανόντος ἐκάστου, ἔρημον πάντων τῶν συγγενῶν καὶ³ καταλιπόντα ἐπὶ τῆς⁴ γῆς πάντα ἐκεῖνον τὸν κόσμον, ἵνα δικάζῃ ἢ κρίσις ᾖ. ἐγὼ μὲν οὖν ταῦτα ἐγνωκὼς πρότερος⁵ ἢ ὑμεῖς ἐποίησάμην δικαστὰς ὑεῖς ἐμαυτοῦ, δύο μὲν ἐκ τῆς Ἀσίας, Μίνω τε καὶ Ῥαδάμανθυν, [524] ἓνα δὲ ἐκ τῆς Εὐρώπης, Αἰακόν· οὗτοι οὖν ἐπειδὴν τελευτήσωσι, δικάσουσιν ἐν τῷ λειμῶνι, ἐν τῇ τριόδῳ ἐξ ἧς φέρετον τὸ ὁδὸν, ἢ μὲν εἰς μακάρων νήσους, ἢ δ' εἰς Τάρταρον. καὶ τοὺς μὲν ἐκ τῆς Ἀσίας Ῥαδάμανθος κρινεῖ, τοὺς δὲ ἐκ τῆς Εὐρώπης Αἰακός· Μίνω δὲ πρεσβεῖα δώσω ἐπιδιακρίνειν, ἐὰν ἀπόρρητόν τι ᾖ τῷ ἐτέρῳ,⁶ ἵνα ὡς δικαιοτάτῃ ἢ κρίσις ᾖ περὶ τῆς πορείας τοῖς ἀνθρώποις. ταῦτ' ἔστιν, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, ἃ ἐγὼ ἀκηκοὼς πιστεύω [b] ἀληθῆ εἶναι· καὶ ἐκ τούτων τῶν λόγων τοιόνδε τι λογίζομαι συμβαίνειν. ὁ θάνατος τυγχάνει ὧν, ὡς ἐμοὶ

1 νῦν γὰρ mss. : νῦν μὲν γὰρ fPar : νῦν μὲν Plutarch.

2 αὐτῶν BTF Stob. : αὐτόν WP : αὐτό V Plutarch : αὐτὸ αὐτῶν Ξ1 vett.edd. : αὐτούς conl. Hirschig (1873).

3 καὶ mss. Euseb. Stob. : om. F Steph. Plut. Thdr.

4 τῆς mss. Stob. : om. Euseb. Thdr.

5 πρότερος mss. Stob. Olymp.[π] Steph. : πρότερον EstS2 Plutarch Olymp.[λ].

6 ἐὰν ἀπόρρητόν τι ᾖ τῷ ἐτέρῳ E3² Stob. Plutarch : ἐὰν ἀπόρρητόν τι τῷ ἐτέρῳ TWF : ἐὰν ᾖ ἀπόρρητόν τι τῷ ἐτέρῳ V vett.edd. : ἐὰν ἀπόρρητόν τι τῷ ἐτέρῳ BP : ἐὰν ἀπορήτόν τι τῷ ἐτέρῳ conl. Findeisen.

ears and their bodies as a whole. All these layers get in the way, both their own clothing and that of those being judged. First,' he said, 'they must stop knowing in advance when they are to die – as now they do. As to this, at least, the announcement has been made by Prometheus of his goal to stop it among them. But second, they must be stripped naked of each and all these things. They must be judged after they have died. And the judge must be naked, himself dead, observing with his bare soul a soul that is bare, without exception, right after the individual died, apart from all his family members and having left behind on earth all that ornamented him, so that the judgment might be just. I recognized the need for this before you did, and set up my sons as judges, two of them from Asia – Minos and Rhadamanthus – (524) and one from Europe: Aeacus. These, once they die, shall sit in judgment in the great meadow where the path splits in two, the one path leading to the Islands of the Blessed and the other to Tartarus. And those who come from Asia Rhadamanthus will judge; those from Europe, Aeacus; and in case either of them object to the other's decision I grant to Minos the prerogative to settle the matter, so that the judgment be as just as possible as to which path men are to take.'

“That, Callicles, is what I have heard and I rely on it as true. And from this story I infer the following. What dying is, in fact, is just the unbinding of the pair of

δοκεῖ, οὐδὲν ἄλλο ἢ δυοῖν πραγμάτων διάλυσιν, τῆς ψυχῆς
καὶ τοῦ σώματος, ἀπ' ἀλλήλοιν· ἐπειδὴ δὲ διαλυθῆτον
ἄρα ἀπ' ἀλλήλοιν, οὐ πολὺ ἥττον ἐκάτερον αὐτοῖν ἔχει τὴν
ἔξιν τὴν αὐτοῦ¹ ἥνπερ καὶ ὅτε ἔζη ὁ ἄνθρωπος, τό τε σῶμα²
τὴν φύσιν τὴν αὐτοῦ³ καὶ τὰ θεραπεύματα καὶ τὰ παθήματα
ἐνδηλα· [c] πάντα· οἷον εἴ τινας μέγα ἦν τὸ σῶμα φύσει ἢ
τροφῇ ἢ ἀμφοτέρα ζῶντος, τούτου καὶ ἐπειδὴ ἀποθάνῃ ὁ
νεκρὸς μέγας, καὶ εἰ παχύς, παχύς⁴ καὶ ἀποθανόντος, καὶ
τᾶλλα οὕτως· καὶ εἰ αὖ ἐπετήδευε κομᾶν, κομήτης τούτου
καὶ ὁ νεκρός· μαστιγίας αὖ εἴ τις ἦν καὶ ἵχνη εἶχε τῶν
πληγῶν οὐλὰς⁵ ἐν τῷ σώματι ἢ ὑπὸ μαστίγων ἢ ἄλλων
τραυμάτων ζῶν, καὶ τεθνεῶτος τὸ σῶμα ἔστιν ἰδεῖν ταῦτα
ἔχον· ἢ κατεαγότα⁶ εἴ του ἦν μέλη ἢ διεστραμμένα ζῶντος,
καὶ [d] τεθνεῶτος ταῦτα ταῦτα⁷ ἐνδηλα· ἐνὶ δὲ λόγῳ, οἷος
εἶναι παρεσκεύαστο τὸ σῶμα ζῶν, ἐνδηλα ταῦτα καὶ
τελευτήσαντος ἢ πάντα⁸ ἢ τὰ πολλὰ ἐπὶ τινα χρόνον.
ταῦτόν δὴ μοι δοκεῖ τοῦτ' ἄρα καὶ περὶ τὴν ψυχὴν εἶναι, ὃ
Καλλίκλεις· ἐνδηλα ταῦτα πάντα⁹ ἐστὶν ἐν τῇ ψυχῇ,
ἐπειδὴ γυμνωθῇ τοῦ σώματος, τά τε τῆς φύσεως καὶ τὰ
παθήματα ἃ διὰ τὴν ἐπιτήδευσιν ἐκάστου πράγματος ἔσχεν
ἐν τῇ ψυχῇ ὁ ἄνθρωπος. ¶

1 αὐτοῦ BTP: αὐτοῦ WF·Euseb. ¶

2 τό τε σῶμα] τό τε σῶμα καὶ ἡ ψυχὴ coni. Heusde. ¶

3 τὴν αὐτοῦ BTP: τὴν αὐτοῦ WF: αὐτοῦ P·Euseb. ¶

4 παχύς, παχύς mss.·Euseb.: παχύ, παχύς coni. || καὶ ἀποθανόντος] secl.·
Hirschig. ¶

5 οὐλὰς] secl.·Heindorf. ¶

6 ἢ κατεαγότα·Euseb.: κατεαγότα BTWPF: κατεαγότα τε V: καὶ
κατεαγότα coni.·Schanz: κατεαγότ' αὐ coni.·Forman. ¶

7 ταῦτα ταῦτα F·Ficinus: ταῦτα BTWP. ¶

8 ἢ πάντα coni.·Findeisen: ἦν πάντα BTWPF·Euseb. ¶

9 ταῦτα πάντα F: πάντα BTP. ¶

things, the soul and the body. And once they are unbound
from each other, look at them: each retains the condition
it had been in when the man was alive no less than the
other, both the body retaining its nature and all the ways
it was cared for and what it underwent altogether visible
– for example if a man's body was large when he was
alive, whether by nature or by nurture or both, large also
is his corpse once he is dead; and if fat, then fat in death,
and so on. And again if he kept his hair long in life, you'd
see it there in his corpse, too. Or if he was a man that
needed to be whipped and has traces of the blows he
received during his life, welts on his body, whether from
whips or other wounds he suffered, the dead man's body
can likewise be seen to bear the same. Or if his limbs had
been broken or contorted during his life, these same
things are visible in his corpse when he is dead. To put it
simply, whatever the bodily state he was in when he was
alive, all its affects are visible once he is dead, or most of
them, for some time at least. And, Callicles, it seems to
me the same in fact with regard to the soul, if again you
think about it. All these things in the soul are there to be
seen once it is denuded of the body, both its natural
endowments and the affects the man had acquired in his
soul from pursuing the things he pursued in life.

ἐπειδὴ οὖν ἀφίκονται παρὰ τὸν δικαστήν, οἱ μὲν¹ ἐκ τῆς Ἀσίας [e] παρὰ τὸν Ῥαδάμανθυν, ὁ Ῥαδάμανθος ἐκείνους ἐπιστήσας θεᾶται ἐκάστου τὴν ψυχὴν, οὐκ εἰδὼς ὅτου ἐστίν, ἀλλὰ πολλάκις τοῦ μεγάλου βασιλέως ἐπιλαβόμενος ἢ ἄλλου ὅτουοῦν βασιλέως ἢ δυνάστου κατεῖδεν οὐδὲν ὑγιὲς ὄν τῆς ψυχῆς, ἀλλὰ δια-
μεμαστιγωμένην καὶ οὐλῶν μεστήν ὑπὸ [525] ἐπιτορκιῶν καὶ ἀδικίας, ἃ ἐκάστη² ἢ πρᾶξις αὐτοῦ ἐξωμόρξατο εἰς τὴν ψυχὴν,³ καὶ πάντα σκολιὰ ὑπὸ ψεύδους καὶ ἀλαζονείας καὶ οὐδὲν εὐθὺ διὰ τὸ ἄνευ ἀληθείας τεθράφθαι.⁴ καὶ ὑπὸ ἐξουσίας καὶ τρυφῆς καὶ ὕβρεως καὶ ἀκρατίας⁵ τῶν πράξεων ἀσυμμετρίας τε καὶ αἰσχροτήτος γέμουσαν τὴν ψυχὴν εἶδεν· ἰδὼν δὲ ἀτίμως ταύτην ἀπέπεμψεν εὐθὺ τῆς φρουρᾶς, οἳ μέλλει ἐλθοῦσα ἀνατλήναι τὰ προσήκοντα πάθη. [b]

προσῆκει δὲ παντὶ τῷ ἐν τιμωρίᾳ ὄντι, ὑπ’ ἄλλου ὀρθῶς τιμωρουμένῳ,⁶ ἢ βελτίονι γίνεσθαι καὶ ὀνίνασθαι ἢ παράδειγμά τι⁷ ἄλλοις⁸ γίνεσθαι, ἵνα ἄλλοι ὀρῶντες πάσχοντα ἃ ἂν πάσχει φοβούμενοι βελτίους γίνωνται. εἰσὶν δὲ οἱ μὲν ὠφελοῦμενοί τε καὶ δίκην διδόντες ὑπὸ θεῶν τε καὶ ἀνθρώπων οὗτοι οἳ ἂν ἰάσιμα ἀμαρτήματα ἀμάρτωσιν· ὅμως δὲ δι’ ἀλγηδόνων καὶ ὀδυνῶν γίνεται αὐτοῖς ἡ ὠφελία καὶ ἐνθάδε καὶ ἐν Αἴδου· οὐ γὰρ οἷόν τε

“Now once they come before the judges, the ones from Asia, that is, before Rhadamanthus, Rhadamanthus has them stand before him and studies each man’s soul, knowing not whose soul it is: for all he knows he is looking upon the soul of the Great King himself, or any other king or powerful man you may wish to name, and beholds within it nothing to recommend it, but instead that it has been whipped all through and is full of welts (525) from oath-breaking and injustice, marks which his distinct behavior left as smudges on his soul, and he sees everything made crooked by lying and bragging with nothing straight, because his way of life owed nothing to truth. A soul filled with the licentiousness and gluttony and violence and cravenness of his deeds, and disproportion and ugliness, is what he beholds, and beholding this indignantly consigns it directly to the prison where upon arrival it will undergo a suffering suited to it.

“What is suitable for everyone being punished, if being rightly punished by another, is either that he become better and benefit from it or that he serve as a paradigm for others, so that such others in watching him suffer what he suffers will, out of fear for themselves, become better. The ones who are benefitted in paying the due penalty exacted by gods and men are those whose sins can be remedied; and yet it is only through pain and wailing that the benefit accrues to them, as here on earth so also in Hades: indeed there is no other way one can be

1 ἐκείνους ἐπιστήσας] ἐκεῖνος ἐπιστάς *coni.* Naber : ἐκεῖνος ἐπιστήσας *coni.* Cobet.

2 ἐκάστη *mss.* : ἐκάστου J : ἐκάστῳ Y Steph. : ἐκάστη *coni.* Deuschle.

3 εἰς τὴν ψυχὴν] *secl.* Hermann Deuschle.

4 τεθράφθαι B : τετράφθαι TWPF Euseb.

5 ἀκρατίας BWPft : ἀκρασίας T Steph. : ἀκρατείας V Euseb.

6 ὑπ’ ἄλλου ὀρθῶς τιμωρουμένῳ *mss.* : *secl.* Hirschig.

7 παράδειγμά τι BTPW Steph. : παραδείγματα F Ficinus [*exempla*] : παράδειγμα Zb Olymp[λ] Euseb. Thdr. : παραδείγματι Lob.

8 ἄλλοις F Olymp.[λ] Euseb. Thdr. Souda : τοῖς ἄλλοις BTWP.

ἄλλως ἀδικίας ἀπαλλάττεσθαι. [c] οἱ δ' ἂν τὰ ἔσχατα ἀδικήσωσι καὶ διὰ τὰ τοιαῦτα¹ ἀδικήματα ἀνίατοι γένωνται, ἐκ τούτων τὰ παραδείγματα γίνεται, καὶ οὗτοι αὐτοὶ μὲν οὐκέτι ὀνίνανται οὐδέν, ἅτε ἀνίατοι ὄντες, ἄλλοι δὲ ὀνίνανται οἱ τούτους ὀρῶντες διὰ τὰς ἀμαρτίας τὰ μέγιστα καὶ ὀδυνηρότατα καὶ φοβερώτατα πάθη πάσχοντας τὸν αἰὲ χρόνον, ἀτεχνῶς παραδείγματα ἀνηρημένους ἐκεῖ ἐν Ἄιδου² ἐν τῷ δεσμοτηρίῳ, τοῖς αἰὲ τῶν ἀδίκων ἀφικνουμένοις θεάματα καὶ νοουθετήματα. [d] ὧν ἐγὼ φημι ἓνα καὶ Ἀρχέλαον ἔσεσθαι, εἰ ἀληθῆ λέγει Πῶλος, καὶ ἄλλον ὅστις ἂν τοιοῦτος τύραννος ᾗ· οἶμαι δὲ καὶ τοὺς πολλοὺς εἶναι τούτων τῶν παραδειγμάτων³ ἐκ τυράννων καὶ βασιλέων καὶ δυναστῶν καὶ τὰ τῶν πόλεων πραξάντων γεγονότας· οὗτοι γὰρ διὰ τὴν ἐξουσίαν μέγιστα καὶ ἀνοσιώτατα ἀμαρτήματα ἀμαρτάνουσι.

μαρτυρεῖ δὲ τούτοις καὶ Ὅμηρος· βασιλέας γὰρ καὶ δυνάστας ἐκεῖνος πεποίηκεν [e] τοὺς ἐν Ἄιδου τὸν αἰὲ χρόνον τιμωρουμένους, Τάνταλον καὶ Σίσυφον καὶ Τιτυόν· Θερσίτην δέ, καὶ εἴ τις ἄλλος πονηρὸς ἦν ιδιώτης, οὐδεὶς πεποίηκεν μεγάλαις τιμωρίαις συνεχόμενον ὡς ἀνίατον—οὐ γὰρ οἶμαι ἐξῆν⁴ αὐτῷ· διὸ καὶ εὐδαιμονέστερος ἦν ἢ οἷς ἐξῆν—ἀλλὰ γάρ, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, ἐκ τῶν [526] δυναμένων εἰσὶ καὶ οἱ σφόδρα πονηροὶ γιγνόμενοι ἄνθρωποι· οὐδέν

exonerated of one's injustice. But the ones who commit the ultimate injustices and by dint of such injustices are rendered irremediable: these are the ones who supply the paradigms, whereas in themselves they receive no benefit from it at all inasmuch as they are irremediable, whereas others receive benefit, those who behold them undergoing without surcease the greatest, the most painful, the most fearsome of sufferings on account of their sins, baldly hung up there on display, in the prison in Hades, to serve as paradigms for the unjust as they arrive there, admonitory spectacles of injustice – among whom I declare will number Polus's Archelaus if what Polus said about him is true, and any other tyrant of his ilk. And I imagine that the majority of these paradigmatic men came from the tyrants and kings and from the powerful men who had on earth been employed in political affairs. For these are the ones who, given their opportunities, commit the greatest and most impious sins.

“We have testimony of this from Homer. He depicted kings and dynasts as the ones in Hades who were suffering eternal punishment, Tantalus and Sisyphus and Tityus. But nobody ever depicted Thersites, or any other private man who was evil, as being beset with huge punishments for being incurable – for I don't think he had the opportunity, and in fact he is luckier than those who did. But in any case, Callicles, it is from the ranks of the powerful, indeed, that extremely evil men also come to be. (526) And yet nothing prevents that even among

1 τὰ τοιαῦτα F Euseb. Thdrt. Souda : τοιαῦτα BTP.

2 ἐν Ἄιδου BTWPf Euseb. : ἐδίδου F.

3 τούτων τῶν παραδειγμάτων F Euseb. : τοὺς τούτων τῶν παραδειγμάτων B : τοὺς τῶν παραδειγμάτων TWP Par : τούτων τῶν παραδειγμάτων τοὺς *vett.edd.* : τούτων τοὺς τῶν παραδειγμάτων Par² : τῶν παραδειγμάτων J : τούτων *coni.* Heindorf : τύπους τῶν παραδειγμάτων *coni.* Madvig.

4 οὐ γὰρ ... ἐξῆν mss. : *secl.* Morstadt.

μὴν¹ κωλύει καὶ ἐν τούτοις ἀγαθοὺς ἄνδρας ἐγγίγνεσθαι, καὶ σφόδρα γε ἄξιον ἄγασθαι τῶν γιγνομένων· χαλεπὸν γάρ, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, καὶ πολλοῦ ἐπαίνου ἄξιον ἐν μεγάλῃ ἐξουσίᾳ τοῦ ἀδικεῖν γενόμενον δικαίως διαβιῶναι. ὀλίγοι δὲ γίνονται οἱ τοιοῦτοι· ἐπεὶ καὶ ἐνθάδε καὶ ἄλλοι γεγόνασιν, οἷμαι δὲ καὶ ἔσονται καλοὶ καὶ ἀγαθοὶ ταύτην τὴν ἀρετὴν τὴν² τοῦ δικαίως [b] διαχειρίζειν ἃ ἂν τις ἐπιτρέπη· εἷς δὲ καὶ πάνυ ἐλλόγιμος γέγονεν καὶ εἰς τοὺς ἄλλους Ἑλληνας, Ἀριστείδης ὁ Λυσιμάχου· οἱ δὲ πολλοί, ὦ ἄριστε, κακοὶ γίνονται τῶν δυναστῶν.

ὅπερ οὖν ἔλεγον, ἐπειδὴν ὁ Ῥαδάμανθους ἐκεῖνος τοιοῦτόν τινα λάβῃ, ἄλλο μὲν περὶ αὐτοῦ οὐκ οἶδεν οὐδέν, οὔθ' ὅστις οὔθ' ὄντινων, ὅτι δὲ πονηρὸς τις· καὶ τοῦτο κατιδὼν ἀπέπεμψεν εἰς Τάρταρον, ἐπισημνήμενος, ἐάντε ἰάσιμος ἐάντε ἀνίατος δοκῇ εἶναι· ὁ δὲ ἐκεῖσε ἀφικόμενος [c] τὰ προσήκοντα πάσχει. ἐνίστε δ' ἄλλην εἰσιδὼν ὁσίως βεβιωκυῖαν καὶ μετ' ἀληθείας, ἀνδρὸς ιδιώτου ἢ ἄλλου τινός, (μάλιστα μὲν, ἔγωγέ φημι, ὦ Καλλίκλεις φιλοσόφου) τὰ αὐτοῦ³ πράξαντος καὶ οὐ πολυπραγμονήσαντος ἐν τῷ βίῳ, ἡγάσθη τε καὶ ἐς μακάρων νήσους ἀπέπεμψε. ταῦτα δὲ ταῦτα καὶ ὁ Αἰακός⁴—ἐκάτερος τούτων ῥάβδον ἔχων δικάζει⁵—ὁ δὲ Μίνως ἐπισκοπῶν κάθηται, μόνος ἔχων

1 οὐδὲν μὴν mss. : οὐδὲ μὴν Y Euseb. : μὲν conl. Ast.

2 τὴν F : om. BTWP Aristides Euseb. Thdrt.

3 τὰ αὐτοῦ T Euseb. Thdrt. : τὰ αὐτοῦ BWP : τὰ αὐτὰ F.

4 ταῦτα ταῦτα mss. : ταῦτα δὲ ταῦτα V teste Stallb.

5 ἐκάτερος τούτων ῥάβδον ἔχων δικάζει mss. : secl. Heindorf : ἐκάτερος τούτων ῥάβδον ἔχων conl. Gould apud Dodds.

these there be found men who are good, and it is quite right to wonder at and admire those who are. For it is difficult, Callicles, and highly praiseworthy, that a man who comes to enjoy great opportunity to commit unjust acts lives his life justly instead. Such men are scarce. Yes, both here and elsewhere they have appeared, and I imagine that in future there will be men well endowed in the virtue of carrying out with justice whatever is turned over to them. In fact there did appear one man widely rumored as such among the Greeks at large: Aristides the son of Lysimachus. But, my best of men, the majority of the powerful turn out bad.

“So as I was saying, when the awesome Rhadamanthus takes in hand one of that sort, though he saw nothing else about him – neither who he is nor his family – but that he is a wicked man. And once he saw this he sent him off to Tartarus, stamping a mark on him as to whether he judges he can be reformed or is irremediable, and when he arrives there he undergoes the appropriate penalty. But from time to time he sees in that of another one who had lived a pious life and true, whether of a man outside politics or someone else (especially, I would add, Callicles, that of a philosopher) who minded his own business during his life and did not play the busy-body, he sent him off in admiration to the Islands of the Blessed. So also with Aeacus: both of them judge with a staff in their hand, and Minos supervises them from his seat, he alone with a golden scepter,

χρυσοῦν [d] σκῆπτρον, ὥς φησιν Ὀδυσσεὺς ὁ Ὀμήρου
ιδεῖν αὐτὸν—

χρῦσεον σκῆπτρον ἔχοντα, θεμιστεύοντα νέκυσιν.

ἐγὼ μὲν οὖν,¹ ὦ Καλλίκλεις, ὑπὸ τε² τούτων τῶν
λόγων πέπεισμαι, καὶ σκοπῶ ὅπως ἀποφανοῦμαι³ τῷ κριτῇ
ὥς ὑγιεστάτην τὴν ψυχὴν· χαίρειν οὖν ἔσας τὰς τιμὰς τὰς
τῶν πολλῶν ἀνθρώπων,⁴ τὴν ἀλήθειαν ἀσκῶν⁵ πειράσομαι
τῷ ὄντι ὥς ἂν δύνωμαι βέλτιστος ὢν καὶ ζῆν καὶ ἐπειδὰν
ἀποθνήσκω [e] ἀποθνήσκειν. παρακαλῶ δὲ καὶ τοὺς
ἄλλους πάντας ἀνθρώπους, καθ’ ὅσον δύνωμαι, καὶ δὴ καὶ
σὲ ἀντιπαρακαλῶ ἐπὶ τοῦτον τὸν βίον καὶ τὸν ἀγῶνα
τοῦτον, ὃν ἐγὼ φημι ἀντὶ πάντων τῶν ἐνθάδε ἀγώνων
εἶναι, καὶ ὀνειδίζω σοι ὅτι οὐχ οἷός τ’ ἔση σαυτῷ
βοηθῆσαι, ὅταν ἡ δίκη σοι ᾗ καὶ ἡ κρίσις ᾗ νυνδὴ ἐγὼ
ἔλεγον, ἀλλὰ ἐλθὼν παρὰ τὸν δικαστὴν ἐκείνον,⁶ [527] τὸν
τῆς Αἰγίνης ὑόν, ἐπειδὰν σου ἐπιλαβόμενος⁷ ἐκεῖνος ἄγῃ,
χασμήσῃ καὶ ἰλιγγιάσεις⁸ οὐδὲν ἦττον ἢ ἐγὼ ἐνθάδε σὺ
ἐκεῖ, καὶ σε ἴσως τυπτήσῃ τις καὶ ἐπὶ κόρρης ἀτίμως⁹ καὶ
πάντως προπηλακιεῖ.

τάχα δ’ οὖν ταῦτα μῦθος σοι δοκεῖ λέγεσθαι ὥσπερ
γραὸς καὶ καταφρονεῖς αὐτῶν, καὶ οὐδὲν γ’ ἂν ᾗ
θαυμαστὸν καταφρονεῖν τούτων, εἴ περ ζητοῦντες εἴχομεν

1 μὲν οὖν] μὲν Y Thdrt.

2 τε F : om. BTWP Euseb. Thdrt.

3 ψυχὴν] ἔχων ψυχὴν YΞ1²Ξ2 vett.edd.

4 ἀνθρώπων] secl. Deuschle-Cron Stallb. Keck.

5 ἀσκῶν F Euseb. Thdrt. coniecera Cobet : σκοπῶν BTP.

6 δικαστὴν ἐκείνον F Euseb. Thdrt. : δικαστὴν BTWP.

7 ἐπιλαβόμενος ἐκεῖνος F : ἐπιλαβόμενος BTWP.

8 ἰλιγγιάσεις TWFE² : εἰλιγγιάσεις B : ἰλιγγιάσης EY.

9 καὶ ἐπὶ κόρρης ἀτίμως] ἐπὶ κόρρης ἀτίμως Y : καὶ ἀτίμως conl. Heindorf
: ἐπὶ κόρρης conl. Cobet Hirschig Schanz.

as Homer’s Odysseus says he saw him:

*holding his golden scepter he decrees justice to the
shades.*

“For my part, Callicles, I am persuaded by these
stories and so I watch for the ways by which I will show
myself before the judge as a soul as hale as possible.
Passing up the honors sought and conferred among the
majority of mankind and practicing only honesty, I will
try in truth to live ever as nobly as I am able and, when
my time comes, as nobly as ever to die. And to the extent
I am able, I enlist all men – but you in particular I enlist,
over against your advice to me – to join in this life, this
contest, which I would rank the equal of all the other
contests of this world put together; and I say against you
in my turn that you will be at a loss to help yourself when
the time comes for you to face the trial and the judgment
I now have described. You’ll come before the judge –
(527) that awesome scion of Aegina – and once *he* gets
hold of you and brings you in, it will be you who go
agape and become dizzy in that place no less than I in
this place, and you might just receive that slap of the
disenfranchised on your face, and every other
degradation.

“But maybe all this seems to you an old wives’
tale and you scoff at it. There would be nothing strange in
scoffing at these things if through research we were able
to find something better and truer to say. But as it is we

αὐτῶν βελτίω καὶ ἀληθέστερα εὐρεῖν· νῦν δὲ ὁρᾷς ὅτι τρεῖς ὄντες ὑμεῖς, οἵπερ σοφώτατοί ἐστε τῶν νῦν Ἑλλήνων, σὺ τε καὶ Πῶλος καὶ [b] Γοργίας, οὐκ ἔχετε ἀποδείξαι ὥς δεῖ ἄλλον τινὰ βίον ζῆν ἢ τοῦτον, ὅσπερ καὶ ἐκεῖσε φαίνεται συμφέρων. ἀλλ' ἐν τοσούτοις λόγοις τῶν ἄλλων ἐλεγχομένων μόνος οὗτος ἡρεμεῖ ὁ λόγος, ὥς εὐλαβητέον ἐστὶν τὸ ἀδικεῖν μᾶλλον ἢ τὸ ἀδικεῖσθαι, καὶ παντὸς μᾶλλον ἀνδρὶ μελετητέον οὐ τὸ δοκεῖν εἶναι ἀγαθὸν ἀλλὰ τὸ εἶναι, καὶ ἰδίᾳ καὶ δημοσίᾳ· ἐὰν δέ τις κατὰ τι κακὸς γίγνηται, κολαστέος ἐστί, καὶ τοῦτο δεύτερον¹ ἀγαθὸν μετὰ τὸ εἶναι δίκαιον, τὸ γίγνεσθαι καὶ [c] κολαζόμενον διδόναι δίκην· καὶ πᾶσαν κολακείαν καὶ τὴν περὶ ἑαυτὸν καὶ τὴν περὶ τοὺς ἄλλους, καὶ περὶ ὀλίγους καὶ περὶ πολλούς, φευκτέον· καὶ τῇ ῥητορικῇ οὕτω χρηστέον ἐπὶ τὸ δίκαιον ἀεὶ, καὶ τῇ ἄλλῃ πάσῃ πράξει.²

ἐμοὶ οὖν³ πειθόμενος ἀκολούθησον ἐνταῦθα, οἱ ἀφικόμενος εὐδαιμονήσεις καὶ ζῶν καὶ τελευτήσας, ὥς ὁ λόγος σημαίνει.⁴ καὶ ἑσόν τινά σου καταφρονῆσαι ὥς ἀνοήτου καὶ προπηλακίσαι, ἐὰν βούληται, καὶ ναὶ μὰ Δία σὺ γε θαρρῶν⁵ πατάξαι τὴν [d] ἄτιμον ταύτην⁶ πληγὴν· οὐδὲν γὰρ δεινὸν πείσῃ, ἐὰν τῷ ὄντι ἦς καλὸς κάγαθός, ἀσκῶν ἀρετὴν. κἄπειτα οὕτω κοινῇ ἀσκήσαντες, τότε ἤδη,

1 τοῦτο δεύτερον mss. : τοῦτο τὸ δεύτερον *coni.* Heindorf.

2 τῇ ἄλλῃ πάσῃ πράξει BTP : τῇ ἄλλῃ πράξει πάσῃ F.

3 ἐμοὶ οὖν] ἐμοὶ μὲν οὖν E1E3 Steph. Ald. Bas.

4 ὁ λόγος σημαίνει F and Par (? *teste* Cantarín) Steph. : ὁ σὸς λόγος σημαίνει BTPW Ficinus.

5 πατάξαι mss. : πάταξαι E2 *vett. edd.*

6 τὴν ἄτιμον ταύτην πληγὴν BTWP : ταύτην τὴν ἄτιμον πληγὴν F.

have you three, the very wisest Greeks of our day, you and Polus and Gorgias, and you are unable to demonstrate that we should live a different life than this, which now appears also to hold the advantage in the world beyond. Instead, among so many arguments, the others all being refuted, the only argument that still stands firm is this, that we must take more care not to commit injustice than to avoid undergoing it, and that what a real man must concern himself with above all is not merely to seem good but to be so, both in his private and his public life. And if one has become bad in some way he must be chastised, and this is the second best good, second after *being* a just man, namely to *come to be* so through chastisement in paying the penalty. And that pandering of any kind, both concerning oneself and the others, concerning both the few and the many, must be avoided. And that oratory is only to be used only in pursuit of justice, and so also with the whole of human activity.

“Hearken to me, then, and follow me to the place where you will find happiness both in life and afterwards, as reason has made clear. And let somebody despise you as mindless and degrade you if he prefers, and do by God buck up to let him strike you with that dishonoring slap of yours. You’ll suffer nothing dire if you are a decent man in truth and you are practicing virtue. And later, after we practice this together, only if it *then* seems we ought,

ἐὰν δοκῇ χρῆναι, ἐπιθησόμεθα τοῖς πολιτικοῖς, ἢ ὅποιον ἂν τι ἡμῖν δοκῇ, τότε βουλευσόμεθα, βελτίους ὄντες βουλεύεσθαι ἢ νῦν. αἰσχρὸν γὰρ ἔχοντάς γε ὥς νῦν φαινόμεθα ἔχειν, ἔπειτα νεανιεύεσθαι ὥς τι ὄντας, οἷς οὐδέποτε ταῦτα δοκεῖ περὶ τῶν αὐτῶν, καὶ ταῦτα περὶ [e] τῶν μεγίστων – εἰς τοσοῦτον ἤκομεν ἀπαιδευσίας.

ὥσπερ οὖν ἡγεμόνι τῷ λόγῳ χρησώμεθα¹ τῷ νῦν παραφανέντι, ὃς ἡμῖν σημαίνει ὅτι οὗτος ὁ τρόπος ἄριστος τοῦ βίου, καὶ² τὴν δικαιοσύνην καὶ τὴν ἄλλην ἀρετὴν ἀσκοῦντας καὶ ζῆν καὶ τεθνάναι. τούτῳ οὖν ἐπώμεθα, καὶ τοὺς ἄλλους παρακαλῶμεν, μὴ ἐκείνῳ, ᾧ σὺ πιστεύων ἐμὲ παρακαλεῖς· ἔστι γὰρ οὐδένοιο ἄξιος, ὦ Καλλίκελεις.

will we make our entry into politics, or do whatever else it seems we ought to do: only then shall we make our plan, since then we will be better at giving and taking counsel than we are at present. For it is shameful that people in the state in which we now find ourselves should nevertheless try to make a novel appearance on the scene, as if they were somebodies, when in fact they never think the same thing about the same things, and about the most important questions to boot! Such is the measure of our lack of preparation and understanding!

“So let us adopt as our leader the argument that has now become clear to us, which dictates to us that this is the best way of living, to practice both justice and the rest of virtue, both in the way we live and the way we die. Let us follow this way, and let us call on the others here to join us – not to take the path you called me to with such confidence. That path is of no worth, Callicles.”

1 χρησώμεθα BT : χρησόμεθα WPF.

2 καὶ mss. : *punctis del.* Par : *om.* ZaY Iambl. *vett.edd.*

SIGLA

Aug	Augustianus gr. 514
B	Bodleianus Clark 39 =Bekker <i>Gothic U capital</i>
B ²	vetus διορθωτής codicis B
C	Parisinus 1809
Γ	Coislinianus gr. 155
Γ1	Vaticanus gr. 1297
Γ2	Vallicellianus gr. 106
E	Escorialensis gr. y.i.13
E1	Vaticanus gr. 229
E2	Parisinus 1812
E3	Parisinus 1811 =Bekker E
Est	Estensis ms. gr.249
F	Vindobonensis 55 suppl. gr. 39
Flor	Mediceus laurentianus plut. 85.6 =Flor.Laur. Stallb.
J	Parisinus 1815
L	Mediceus laurentianus plut. 59.1
Lau ^f	Mediceus laurentianus plut. 89.78
Lau ^s	Mediceus laurentianus plut. 69.25
Lob	Lobvicianus VI.F.a.1
M	Maletestianus plut. 128.4
N	Neapolitanus gr.337
Ξ1	Venetus marcianus gr. Z 186 (=601)
Ξ2	Venetus marcianus gr. Z 184 =Stallb. Ξ
O1	Bodleianus misc. gr. 189
O2	Bodleianus misc. gr. 104
P	Vaticanus palatinus gr. 173
Par	Parisinus gr. 1808
Q	Parisinus gr. 2953
Qb	Vaticanus gr. 933
R	Vaticanus gr. 1029 b=Bude V
S2	Venetus marcianus gr. Z 189 (=704) =Burnet S // Stallb. Σ
T	Venetus append. class. 4 cod.1 =Bekker <i>Gothic t</i>
T ²	vetus διορθωτής codicis T
V	Parisinus 2110
Vat	Vaticanus gr. 225 = Stallb. Δ
Y	Vindobonensis phil. gr. 21 =Stallb. Vind2 / Bekker υ
Φ	Vindobonensis suppl. phil. gr. 109 =Stallb. Vind.6
W	Vindobonensis 54 suppl gr.7 =Stallb Vind.1
x	Mediceus laurentianus plut. 85.7 = x <i>alibi</i>
X	Vindobonensis supp. phil. gr. 116
Za	Neapolitanus gr. 338
Zb	Mediceus laurentianus plut. 85.12

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