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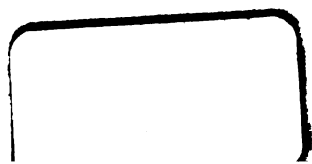
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ΛΟΓΟΣ ΠΡΩΤΟΣ.

Οἶμαι δεῖν ὅστις μέλλει τὰ δέοντα ἐρεῖν, ἢ ψήφου κύριος ὑρθῶς ἔσεσθαι, μὴ τοῦτο σκοπεῖν μηδὲ βασκαίνειν εἰ τι τῶν πρότερον καὶ δόξαν ἔχόντων ἑτέρως εἰρησθαι περὶ τῶν αὐτῶν συμβέβηκεν, ἀλλ' οὐ πανταχοῦ πλείστον εἰκός ἐστι λόγον εἶναι, τοῦτο κὰν τῷ παρόντι ζητῆται, ὅποτε-
 ρωθῆι τὰληθές, καὶ τοῦτο συμβούλευσθαι νικᾶν. ἄτοπον γὰρ ἐν μὲν ταῖς ἐκκλησίαις μὴ τὸν πρῶτον εἰπόντα πιστεύεσθαι μηδ' ἐν τοῖς δικαστηρίοις, ἀλλὰ τοῦτό γ' εὖ εἰδέναι πάντας, ὅτι εἰ ταύτη ταῦτα κριθῆσεται, τῶν φευγόντων οὐδείς ἀποφεύξεται· πάντες γὰρ ὕστεροι δὴ που τοῦ διώκοντος λέγουσιν· ἐν δὲ τοῖς λόγοις αὐτοῖς καὶ τῇ περὶ τούτων (4) κρίσει τοὺς τῷ χρόνῳ προλαβόντας κρατεῖν, ἀλλὰ μὴ τοὺς ἀποδείξοντας περὶ ὧν ἀγωνίζονται, καὶ τραγωδοὺς μὲν καὶ κιθαριστὰς καὶ τοὺς ἄλλους τοὺς ἐπὶ τῆς μουσικῆς μὴ ταυτὸν φέρεσθαι τῆς τε ἀξίας ὄνομα καὶ τῆς τάξεως, ἢ κληροῦν γε ἂν ἤρκει μόνον, ἀλλ' ὅστις ἂν κάλλιστ' ἀγωνίσηται, τοῦτον στεφανοῦν καὶ πρῶτον ἀναγορεύειν, κὰν ὕστατος εἰσελθὼν τύχη, τρὺς δὲ τῶν ἀστειοτέρων ἀγωνισμάτων ἀξιοῦντας ἀγωνιστὰς ἢ κριτὰς εἶναι οὕτω σφόδρα τὸν χρόνον σεμνύνειν ὥστε μὴ μόνον τοῖς ὅλοις χε-

ΠΕΡΙ] ὑπερ N. μέλλει] βούλεται M.

1, 4 καὶ τοῦτο] καὶ τούτῳ L. καὶ τοῦτο correctus N, qui primum καὶ τούτῳ habuit. 6 γ' L.N. γε lebb. ταύτη ταῦτα] ταῦτα ταύτῃ M.

ταῦτα] Ea scilicet de quibus modo dixerat orator et quae gerantur et dicuntur in concionibus et iudiciis. REISK.

1 τοῦ διώκοντος] Malim τῶν διωκόντων. REISK.

2, 1 τοῖς ὅλοις χείρους] χείρους τοῖς ὅλοις M.

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ρους τοὺς ὑστέρους ἡγεῖσθαι, ἀλλὰ μηδ' ἂν τυχεῖν εὐρο-
 τας βέλτιον τῶν εἰρημένων μηδέν. ὀρῶ· δὲ ὅτι κὰν τοῖς
 γυμνακοῖς ἀγῶσιν οὐχ ὅστις πρῶτος τὴν ἀπογραφὴν ἐποι-
 σάτο, οὗτος ἀπέρχεται νικῶν, ἀλλ' ὅστις οὐ τὴν ἀπογρα-
 φὴν πεποιήται, τοῦτο ἐπὶ τῆς πείρας ἄριστα δείκνυσι. κα-
 5 τοῦθ' οὕτως ἰσχύει διὰ τέλους ὥστε καὶ ἐν αὐτοῖς τοῖς
 ἀθλοῖς, προσθήσω δ' ὅτι καὶ τοῖς αὐτοῦ τοῦ τάχους, αὐ-
 τοῖς ἐπὶ τῆς ἀρχῆς ἐξενεγκοῦσιν ἀποδίδοται τὸ σύμβολον
 ἀλλὰ τοῖς παρελθοῦσι. καίτοι πῶς οὐκ ἀλογία πολλὴ τοῦ
 μὲν ἂ τῆς τοῦ σώματος τύχης ἔχεται μελετῶντας ἢ τιμῶν-
 τας οὕτω σφόδρα καὶ νῦν καὶ πρότερον τὸ τοῦ λόγου κα-
 λὸν καὶ δίκαιον τιμηκέναι, τοὺς δ' ἐπὶ τῶν λόγων ἀνι-
 χοντας καὶ χωρὶς τῆς ἐν τούτοις διατριβῆς οὐδ' ἂν ζη-
 10 δεξαμένους οὕτως ἀργῶς, μᾶλλον δ' ἀδίκως ἔχειν, ὡσθ' ἵ-
 ἐνὶ πιστῇ χρῆσθαι περὶ πάντων, ἂν τις φθάσῃ γενόμε-
 νος, καὶ τὰ ὀνόματα ἀντὶ τῆς ἀληθείας θαυμάζειν αἰρεῖ-
 σθαι, ὡσπερ νομίσαι δέον, οὐχ εὐρεῖν τὸ βέλτιον· καὶ
 τοὺς μὲν νόμους αὐτοὺς, ἂν συμμέρη, κινεῖν, τοὺς δὲ περὶ
 τῶν αἰεὶ μενόντων τῇ φύσει λόγους ἐπὶ τοῖς πρῶτοις μὴ
 δέχεσθαι, ἀλλ' ὡσπερ ὄρους ἢ στήλας τοὺς προκατεσχη-
 κότας πρὸς βεῦναι, καὶ ταῦτα οὐ λύειν ὡσπερ ἐν τοῖς νό-
 15 μοις τοὺς προτέρους διὰ τῶν ἐναντιῶν δέον, ἀλλὰ τῆς
 αὐτῆς χώρας καὶ, ἑτέρους ἀξιῶν αὐτοῖς· καὶ τοῖς μὲν
 ὄρκοις τοῖς κοινοῖς προσπαράγραφειν ἐξεῖναι ἀνελεῖν καὶ

3 πρῶτος Θ Iunt. πρῶτον Iebb. 5 αὐτοῦ τοῦ εἰχους ELMN Soph. Iebb.
 τοῦ om. Iunt. 6 ἐξενεγκοῦσιν] Significat eos qui primi carceribus
 emittuntur ad cursum sociosque pernicitate vincunt. REISK. 8 καὶ
 νῦν add. LMN Soph. Iebb. om. Θ Iunt. δίκαιον] Non ausim δλ-
 καιον damnare: videtur tamen δικαίως praestare. Conf. versu 10.
 REISK. τετιμηκέναι om. E, qui περιέπειν add. ante τὸ τοῦ λόγου.

10 φθάσῃ LN Opor. Iebb. φάσῃ Iunt. 11 αἰρεῖσθαι] ἡρεῖ-
 σθαι E. νομίσαι ELN Soph. Iebb. νομίσεις Iunt. νομίσαι] Certo
 credere ab alio traditum aliquid aut inventum sancitumve, idque
 firmiter sibi persuasum habere, nil ultra quaerentem cur credat
 et rectene an secus. Contrarium eius est εἰρεῖν, meditando inve-
 nire, excogitare, ut possis quaerenti rei rationem reddere cur ita
 neque aliter statuas. REISK. 12 τὸ βέλτιον] τὰ δέοντα M.
 15 ἐναντιῶν LN Iebb. ἐναντίον Iunt. 16 τοῖς κοινοῖς excid-
 runt ex Iebb.

προσθεῖναι ὅ τι ἂν σκοποῦμενοι ὕστερον συνδοκῆ, οὓς
 δὲ ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς ἐξουσίας αἰεὶ καὶ διὰ παντός ἐξετάζειν
 3 δεῖ λόγους, τῷ παρελθόντι χρόνῳ μόνῳ προσθεῖναι, ὡσπερ (6)
 ἂν εἴ τις καὶ ὑγιαίνειν χρῆναι φάσκει μόνους τοὺς πρώ-
 τους γενομένους, καὶ μὴδ' ἐκεῖνο ὀρᾷ ὅτι ἡ τοιαύτη κρί-
 σις καὶ ὁ τοιοῦτος λογισμὸς αὐτοῖς πρώτοις οὓς τιμῶ-
 σιν οὐ λυσιτελεῖ. εἰ γὰρ τῷ χρόνῳ δεῖ συγχωρεῖν καὶ
 τὴν ἀξίαν ἀπὸ τούτου μετρεῖν, οὐκέτ' ἔχει τόπον ἢ τῶν
 5 παρὰ πάντων εἰς ἐκείνους αἰδώς. Ἰασος γὰρ ἂν οὕτω γε
 νικῆη παρὰ λόγους καὶ Κρίστος καὶ Κρότωπος καὶ Φορῶ-
 νεύς καὶ εἰ τις Ἀργεῖος ἐκ μύθου καὶ Δευκαλίων ἢ εἰ τις
 ἐκ τε ἄλλων ἄλλος καὶ Λυκάων ἐξ Ἀρκαδίας καὶ Κέκροψ
 Ἀθήνηθεν ἀντὶ τῶν νῦν βεβημένων· ἐν δὲ τοῖς ἔθνεσι
 Φρύγες διὰ τὴν παρὰ τοῦ βέκου, οἶμαι, μαρτυρίαν. καὶ
 παρῆκα Καλλιθέουσαν ἀριστήν γυναικῶν ἅμα καὶ ἀνδρῶν
 γενομένην. ἐὰν οὕτω κρίνωμεν, ὡς οὐ Κόδρω γε μετέσται
 τῆς φιλοτιμίας, ἀλλὰ καὶ οὗτος παῖς οἷς εἶπον συμβάλ-
 7 λειν καὶ οὐκ ἀρχαῖος, καὶ κατὰ μικρὸν οὕτω ζητήσομεν εἰ
 τις ἦν πρὶν σιλήνην εἶναι. Ὀμήρου δὲ καὶ Ἡσιόδου καὶ (7)
 τῶν εἰς ἡμᾶς περικηκότων, Πλάτωνος, εἰ βούλει, καὶ Δη-
 μοσθένους καὶ τῶν ὀλίγων πρὸ τούτων, οὐδ' εἰς πολλο-
 στὸν χρόνον ἐλλείψ ὁμοίαν ἐγγενέσθαι δόξαν, συμπροϊόντος
 ἴσου τοῦ πρὸ αὐτῶν ἐκείνοισ' αἰεὶ. εἰ δὲ τοῦτ' εὐδηλον ἄπα-
 σαν ὅτι καὶ οὗτοι φύσει καὶ δυνάμει διενεγκόντες τοὺς πρὸ
 αὐτῶν ἀπέκρυψαν, οὐδὲ τοὺς ὕστερον πάντα πᾶσαν ἀπαν-
 12 τας ἀπειργεῖν εἰκός, οὐδ' ἀπιστεῖν εἰ τις καὶ τοῦ νυνὶ
 χρόνου μετεσχηκῶς ἔχει συμβαλέσθαι γνώμην περὶ ὧν πρό-

3, 1 εἰ τις] εἰ καὶ E. 2 καὶ μὴδ'] καὶ habent ΘELMN
 Soph. Iebb. om. Iunt. ὀρᾷ Θ Iunt. ὀρᾷ. S Iebb. et var.
 lect. Canteri. κρίσις LMN Iebb. χρῆσις Iunt. 3 πρώτοις]
 πρώτοις τοῖς Reiskius. οὓς] οἷς N. 4 οὐκέτ'] οὐκ E.
 γε om. M. 6 ἄλλος addidit Reiskius. 7 βίονους] Scribaba-
 tur βάλκους. Vide Herodoti II, 2. 8 Καλλιθέουσαν] καλλιθεουσαν I;
 ὡς οὐ LMN Iebb. οὐδὲ, omisso ὡς, Iunt. συμβάλλειν]
 συμβαλεῖν N. παραβυλεῖν alia manus superscripsit in L. καὶ οὐκ
 N. Legebatur καὶ οὐτ'. 10 ζητήσομεν Steph. Iebb. ζητήσωμεν
 Iunt. 12 συμπροϊόντος ΘLN Soph. Legebatur προϊόντος.
 ἐκείνοισ' αἰεὶ in margine habet N. 13 τοῦτ'] τοῦτο ΘL.
 διενεγκόντες om. M.

κεται λόγος, ἀλλὰ παρ' αὐτῶν, ὡς ἔοικεν, ἂν τιμῶμεν
 4 ὑπάρχειν εἰδότας τὸ προσέειπαι καὶ προσέειπεν ὅποσον
 διαφέρει. ἅπαντας μὲν οὖν ἴσως τοὺς παλαιοὺς αἰδεῖσθαι
 μὲν δίκαιον, φρίττειν δὲ οὐκ ἄξιον, εἴπερ μὴ τοῖς ἐπι
 τοῖς λόγοις ὀνομασθέντας μᾶλλον ἢ τοὺς λόγους αὐτοὺς
 δεῖ δοκεῖν τιμᾶν· ὅτι δ' εἰ πρὸς ἄλλον τινὰ χρὴ γνώμης
 5 οὕτως ἔχειν, καὶ πρὸς Πλάτωνα, οὐκ ἄλλου δέομαι μάρ
 τυρος, ἀλλ' αὐτὸς ἐξαρκεῖ οὐ μόνον οἷς ἀπανταχοῦ βοᾷ
 καὶ παρακελεύεται μηδὲν πρότερον ποιῆσθαι τῆς ἀληθείας,
 ἀλλὰ καὶ ὀλίγῃ τῷ παραδείγματι. εἰ γὰρ ἐκεῖνος Ὀμήρῳ
 τῷ τοσοῦτον πρὸ αὐτοῦ περὶ πολλῶν ἐπιτιμῶν οὐκ ἀπε
 στήρηται λόγου, ἀλλ' ἔχει πρὸς τοὺς ἀγανακτοῦντας ὃ τι
 εἶπε, κατ' αὐτὸν, ὡς ἔοικε, Πλάτωνα καὶ τοὺς ἐκείνον
 ἐπαινοῦντας καὶ πάσης αἰτίας ἀφιέντας ἔστι, κἂν ἄλλος
 τις ἐκείνῳ δοκῇ τι λέγειν ὑπεναντίον, τολμᾶν ἀκροάσα
 10 σθαι, μὴ που τοῦτ' ἐγκλημα ποιούμενους, ἀλλ' ἐὰν τοῖς
 περὶ τῶν πραγμάτων λόγοις ἀπολειφθῇ. εἰ τοίνυν εἴρηκε
 περὶ ρητορικῆς φιλονεικότερον τοῦ δέοντος Γοργίου καὶ
 Σωκράτους ὑποθέμενος συνουσίαν Ἀθήνησι φέρε ἐπισκε
 ψώμεθα καὶ δεῖξωμεν ὅπως ἔχει. καὶ γὰρ ἂν εἴη δεινόν,
 εἰ ἐκεῖνος μὲν ὑποστὰς κατηγορεῖν ἐκ προφανοῦς οὐκ ἀπε
 στήρησε τρόπον γέ τιν' αὐτῆν τῶν ὑπὲρ αὐτῆς λόγων,
 ἀλλ' ἀπέδωκε δυσὲ καὶ τρισὶν ἀντειπεῖν, ὡς γοῦν ἐν στή
 15 ματι διαλόγων, ἡμεῖς δὲ οἱ τὸ ὅλον βοηθεῖν ἔχοντες καὶ
 προσηρημένοι μὴ τολμήσομεν, ὥσπερ τῶσαυτ' ἀντιλέγειν
 Πλάτωνι δέον, ὅποσα ἂν αὐτὸς πρὸς αὐτὸν βουλευθεῖη.
 ἄλογον δὲ μοι φαίνεται, εἰ Πλάτων μὲν οὐκ ἠδέσθη ψέ
 γων ρητορικῆν, ἣς ἴσως τι καὶ αὐτῷ μετῆν, ἡμεῖς δ'.

4, 1 προσέειπαι] προγενέσθαι Reiskius. προσέειπαι Canterus.
 προσέειπεν] προσέειπεν Canterus. Quocum Reiskius comparat p. 30, 8.
 6 ὀλίγῃ] ὀλίγου. pæne diximus. aut καὶ οὐκ ὀλίγῃ et exemplo non
 esse intendendo. sed prius praefero. in τῷ παραδείγματι subauditur ταυ
 τοῦ. sicomet exemplo. Reisk. 8 εἶπε] εἶπος N. 9 ἔστι,
 καὶ] ἴσως δηλοῦσι ἔστι κἂν E. 10 που GLMN. Legebatur πο
 τοῦτ'] τοῦτό γ' I. 15 τολμήσομεν] τολμήσωμεν N.
 16 πρὸς αὐτὸν deleta sunt in N. βουλευθεῖη LMN lebb. βου
 ληθῆναι Iunt. 17 ψέγων] ψέγειν E.