



PREFACE

The *Symposium Philosophiae Antiquae Tertium Myconense* “*The Emedoclean Κόσμος: Structure, Process and the Question of Cyclicity*” was held in Mykonos between the 6th and the 13th of July, 2003. It belongs to a recently instituted series of specialized, international colloques in the field primarily, although not exclusively, of ancient Greek philosophy. The series met with a success that also indicated the existence of active demand for high-level scholarly events of a stricter, more concentrated and more elaborate character than is usually the case in broader conferences or looser seminars.

The operating idea is to provide a forum close to the ideal desiderata of scholars: a comfortable setting (with respect to conditions, environment and time); an informal but focused pattern; freedom from whatever irrelevant pressure; a select membership of invited scholars, with significant work in the area of the subject set in each case, engaging on the articulation of an extensive argument of their respective views and entering into a meaningful debate concerning their several positions. The overriding rule is to allow substance and the requirements of analysis regulate procedure and time. The aim is to create a framework in which the edge of understanding in the given topic may be advanced.

As a concrete illustration of the guiding principle for this series, the general programme of the 3rd Symposium is recorded below.

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The theme of the *Symposium Tertium Myconense* was Empedocles’ conception of *Κόσμος*. His theory on the foundation, order and development of the world should repay, it was thought,

fresh sustained investigation. The issue of the Cosmic Cycle was expected to, and did in fact, profitably bear basic reassessment. The physical, metaphysical and religious dimensions of his theory were tested for coherence and mutual explanatory power, or otherwise. One had also to take stock, with regard to the implications and the significance for the subject, of the substantial new piece of Empedoclean evidence provided by the Strasbourg papyrus.

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For such a meeting to be successfully realized the cooperation of many, and varied, factors is required.

First and foremost, on the one side, the participants themselves whose commitment to the idea is manifest in its final fruition presented here. To each one individually and to all collectively I am deeply obliged for this outstanding result.

Appreciative acknowledgement is also due on the other side to those individuals and institutions without whose moral and material support the idea would have remain mere idea, and the work embodied in this volume unactualized.

The Municipality of Mykonos undertook the chief financial burden and helped in many other ways great and small. The Mayor Mr. Christos Veronis embraced the proposal with ardour and saw it through to its ideal materialization with care and resolution transcending his habitual efficiency in all municipal undertakings.

I offer my respectful appreciation to His Eminence, the Most Reverend Metropolitan of Syros Dorotheos B' for acting as chairman of the Honourary Committee and for his assistance to a conference taking place in His Sea, even though unconnected to strictly theological or ecclesiastical matters. My mind and heart turns with filial piety to someone who seconded with rare determination right from its inception this series of conferences: His Eminence the Most Reverend former Metropolitan of Thera, Amorgos and Islands, Panteleimon.

The Ministry of Culture is a steady promoter of the series. My sincerest thanks go to the former Minister of Culture Mr. Evangelos Venizelos for his continued aid in this 3rd Symposium. More particularly, I am grateful to the Deputy Minister of Culture Mr.

Petros Tatoulis for his enlightened support to the symposia and to the work of the Institute in general.

The *Symposium Myconense* benefited from the auspices offered to it from the Ministry of the Aegean. To the former Minister Mr. Nikolaos Sifounakis, I extend my sincere thanks. The Greek Chamber of Engineering has once more displayed its informed outlook by subscribing to this project. I would like to specifically mention the Vice-Chairman of its Steering Committee Mr. Antonios Kotzabasakis for his consideration.

The Minister of Tourism Mr. Demetrios Avramopoulos, a veritable minister of culture in its potent significance, knows well, and wants to capitalize on, how the classical traditions of Greece represent a mighty asset that can be turned into considerable comparative advantage if they can be translated into a living experience of palpable, projectible and surpassing value. I thank him for his critical discernment.

Last and first, it is chiefly to my friend the Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr. Petros Doukas, that this undertaking as a developed whole owes its inspiration and real existence. His economic and financial expertise, combining with his thorough study of the classics and his political originality, manifest in an exemplary way the functionality of the ancient Greek pragmatic knowledge today. He shows *in concreto* how values and efficiency, merit and success, freedom and organization, converge – indeed stem from the same source in human nature and from the same principle of excellence – in the Greek tradition and in the New Epoch. Competitive enterprises of worth and distinction, in all fields of activity, can rely on his pointed discrimination and unflinching support. As can effective plans to energise latent potential everywhere.

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The concept of these meetings involves also a rich array of side activities, prime position among which occupies a thorough survey of the archaeological and historical landscape of the region where the venue of the colloque is located. For this task in Delos and Myconos we requisitioned, and were privileged to enlist, the patronage of the Greek Archaeological Service and of the *École Française d' Athènes*. To Mr. Panagiotis Hatzidakis, head of the KA' Archaeological

Ephorate, and M. Dominique Mulliez, Directeur of the École, I express, here also, my appreciation and gratitude for their help. Mlle. Cécile Durvy conducted our visit to the archaeological site of Delus, and M. François Queyrel the subsequent one to the Museum there. My thanks are offered with pleasure to both. Prof. Adamantios Sampson guided our acquaintance with his important finds at Ftelia regarding Neolithic Mykonos; I am especially obliged to him for his opening to us a little known page of the prehistory of the area.

As Conference Organizer for this Symposium acted the *Island Mykonos Travel*, a local agency with international expertise. Its Managing Director, Mr. Pantelis Pantazopoulos saw effectively the meeting through thick and thin to its successful conclusion.

Credit must go to Ms. Catherine Porter for her eloquent rendering into English of Jean Bollack's contributions. The Indices are the skilful work of Ms. Eirene Kalogridou, at the National Foundation for Research.

For our typesetter, Mr. Antonios Papantonopoulos, I can freely say less, as his achievement is most evidently conspicuous in this volume, as in all other of our publications.

To my, and the Institute's, secretary Mrs. Aleka Bertsovli, I can offer no adequate acknowledgement for her superlative performance. Nor can I measure my debt for her help, which is simply inestimable and profusely given beyond all bounds of proper professional responsibility.

Patras, on the eve of the solar solstice, 2005
Apostolos Pierris

PROGRAMME

SUNDAY JULY 6th

Arrival

- 21.30 Official Opening and Dinner
Inaugural address by
Mr. **Christos Veronis**, Mayor of Mykonos
*Aegean - Cyclades - Delos - Mykonos:
Focus of Open Horizons.*

MONDAY JULY 7th

- 9.30 – 11.30 **Sir Anthony Kenny**
Life after Etna: the legend of Empedocles
in literary tradition
- 11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break
- 12.00 – 14.00 **Jean Bollack**
The *Purifications* in political and religious history
- 14.00 Light Lunch
- 18.30 – 20.30 **René Nuenlist:**
Journey of Discourse and Path of Stories:
Programmatic Imagery in Empedocles
- 21.30 Dinner

TUESDAY JULY 8th

- 9.30 – 11.30 **Richard Janko**
Empedocles' *On Nature* and *Purifications*:
two poems or one?
- 11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break
- 12.00 – 14.00 **Patricia Curd**
The Question of Religion and Natural Philosophy
in Empedocles

- 14.00 Light Lunch
- 16.00 – 18.00 **Richard Mc Kirahan**
Assertion and Argument
in Empedocles' Cosmology
- 18.00 – 18.30 Coffee Break
- 18.30 – 20.30 **Glenn Most**
The Stillbirth of a Tragedy:
Nietzsche and Empedocles
- 21.30 Dinner

WEDNESDAY JULY 9th

- 9.30 – 11.30 **Apostolos Pierris**
Ὅμοιον Ὀμοίῳ and the *Δίμη*:
Nature and Function
of Love and Strife in the Empedoclean System.
- 11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break
- 12.00 – 14.00 **Daniel Graham**
Cosmic Topology and Dynamics in Empedocles
- 14.00 Light Lunch
- 21.30 Dinner

THURSDAY JULY 10th

- 9.30 – 11.30 **Oliver Primavesi**
Empedocles: The physical theory
and the doctrine of reincarnation
- 11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break
- 12.00 – 14.00 **André Laks**
Cyclic Model, Eschatological Model:
Can Plato's *Phaedrus* help us
in reading Empedocles?

- 14.00 Light Lunch
- 16.00 – 18.00 **Catherine Osborne**
Sin and moral responsibility
- 18.00 – 18.30 Coffee Break
- 18.30 – 20.30 **Angelo Tonelli**
Cosmogony is Psychogony is Ethics:
Some Thoughts about Empedocles' fragments 17;
110; 115; 134 DK, and P. Strasb. gr. Inv. 1665-
1666d, vv. 1-19.

FRIDAY JULY 11th

- 9.30 – 11.30 **David Sedley**
Empedocles' double zoogony
- 11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break
- 12.00 – 14.00 **Laura Gemelli-Marciano**
Empedocles' Zoogony and Embryology
- 14.00 Light Lunch
- 18.30 – 20.30 Concluding Discussion
- 21.30 Dinner

SATURDAY JULY 12th

- 9.00 Excursion to Delos
- 21.30 Farewell Dinner
(ancient Greek gastronomy: an interpretation)

SUNDAY JULY 13th

Departure