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2012.11.02

The rivalry between Juno and Venus in the *Aeneid* as an emblem of the secret tension between the *Aeneid* and the anti-*Aeneid* ? [Today online](#) .

2012.10.15

At the risk of offending the admirers of "pious Aeneas" (if some still exist), and in order to celebrate joyfully the 2081<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Virgil's birth, we will ask this blasphemous question: is it true that this "hero" could enter the Elysian Fields? There may be grounds for doubt. [Today online](#) .

2012.09.30

An objection to the thesis recently proposed about *Calabri rapuere* ? [Today online](#) .

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Your reactions are welcome.

2012.09.23

The emperor Augustus was born on September 23 of the year 63 BC. He boasted that he had saved the *Aeneid* from the very hands of his delirious author. Really? [Today online](#) .

2012.09.21

Today is the 2030th anniversary of Virgil's death.

In his famous epitaph, which he is reported to have himself composed, the poet accuses "Calabrians" of having cut down his life. Is that a mere poetic exaggeration? [Today online](#) .

2012. 06. 27

*Labor omnia uicit improbus*: is lying beneath this most famous Vergilian sentence a scathing attack on the master of Rome?  
[today online.](#)

2012.06.01

Had Virgil already practiced in the *Georgics* the pun on the word *studia* in which he indulged, it seems

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in  
one  
of his letters to  
Augustus  
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[Online  
today](#)

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2012.05.10

Octavian and Gellius: a disturbing connection. [Today online](#) .

2012.05.01

Virgil and Tibullus were almost simultaneously “dispatched to the Elysian Fields by an unfair death/Death”, according to Domitius Marsus. What did he mean? [Today online](#) . 2012.03.20

Today is the 2054<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ovid’s birthday. He said that he “only saw Virgil” (*Tr.* 4. 10. 51).  
he had  
excellent eyes

But

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Today online

[Ovid reads Virgil: Ascanius and Cupid](#)

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Have a fruitful reading!

Reminder: registering on virgilmurder costs nothing and commits you to nothing, it is only a mark of support.

2012.02.22

Today, an addition has been made to [Virgil challenges Augustus](#) . Your feedback is welcome.

2012.01.20

Just published by H. F. Bauzá, one of the best connoisseurs of Augustan poetry, a book entitled *Virgilio. Memorias del poeta. Una autobiografía espiritual* (Editorial Biblos, Buenos Aires, 2011). This is no small feat to have been able to give a plausible voice to Virgil. This book will delight sophisticated scholars as well as neophytes. We wish it the great success it deserves.

2012.01.09

As it is known, the Emperor Augustus exchanged an abundant correspondence with Virgil. Of all these letters there is unfortunately nothing left except a short excerpt of a response from Virgil, which has been preserved through Macrobius. A valuable document, but which has perhaps not yet yielded all its secrets.

Today online: [Virgil challenges Augustus](#) . A new blow to the legend of a cloudless friendship between the author of the *Aeneid* and his imperial "protector".

2012.01.03

The note entitled [Slight Rectifications to Jeux de Masques](#) has just been updated to take account of the article [Propertius about Actium](#) published two days ago.

2012.01.01



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Today online, [Propertius about Actium](#) , or how to reconcile the seemingly contradictory judgments brought by the poet about the glorious (or not so glorious ) victory won at Actium by Caesar Octavian (later Augustus) in 31 BC on the joint fleets of Mark Antony and Cleopatra. Happy new year to each of you!

2011.12.08

Let's celebrate today the 2075<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Horace's birth. It is an occasion to re-read, with a critical mind , the short biography that Suetonius has devoted to him:

<http://www.espace-horace.org/etud/vita.htm>

2011. 11.27

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Today online, as a tribute to Horace for the 2018<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death,

[Horace purified \( Sat. 1.2.114-19; 1.5.82-85\)?](#)

Have a good reading!

2011.10.15

Today is the 2080th anniversary of Virgil's birthday.

*Maist reverend Virgil, of latine poetis prince,  
Gem of ingyne, and flude of eloquence,  
Thou peirles peirle, patron of poetry,  
Rois, register, palme, laurere, and glory,  
Chosin charbukill, chief floure and Cedir tre,  
Lanterne, lade sterne, myrour, and a per se  
Maister of maisteris, swete sours and springand well,  
Wide quhare ouer all ringis thyne heuinly bell.*

Gavin Douglas, Preface to the *Aeneid*.

2011.09.23 :

The emperor Augustus was born on September 23 of the year 63 BC, *ad Capita Bubula* ("at the Ox-Heads") on the Palatine :

Suet.,

*Aug.*

5, 1. On this occasion

[let's](#)

[render to Caesar what is Caesar's](#)

. Today online.

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2011.09.21:

Today is the 2029th anniversary of Virgil's death:

*Debita sparges lacrima fauillam*

*Vatis amici.*

2011.07.05

Would you imagine any relation between plate tectonics and the *Odes* of Horace? See [http://www.reed.edu/reed\\_magazine/articles/adventures/horace.html](http://www.reed.edu/reed_magazine/articles/adventures/horace.html)

I warmly thank Professor Mike Taylor.

2011.06.24

Today online: [Ovid about abortion](#) . Ego vs anti-Ego, again. Have a pleasant reading!

2011.06.06

Today online [Mali Tanti](#) in English. Have a fruitful reading!

2011.06.01

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*Nec iam fama mali tanti...* (*Aen.* X, 510)..But what is this terrible plague ravaging Latium? Has it/he

a name

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To find out

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read

[Mali Tanti](#)

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online today

, now in French, soon in English.

Your feedback

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As a reminder

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2011.05.21

The virulence of the attacks made by Catullus against Julius Caesar has been widely underesti  
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, by going through the brief study I propose today under the title "

[César, Pompée, Mamurra... et César \(Cat. 29, 54, 57, 112, 113\)](#)

". Have a joyful reading!

2011.05.04

Today online a new illustration of the Ego vs anti-Ego writing system in Augustan poetry : only [i  
n French](#)

for the moment. Have a fruitful reading !

2011.04.14

A new modification to [Jeux de Masques](#)

2011.03.20

On the occasion of the 2053th anniversary of Ovid's birthday, I invite you to read a new article entitled [Achille dans les Métamorphoses d'Ovide](#) . Hoping you will enjoy it.

2011.03.02

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Today online [Properce et Cynthia](#) , where Propertius' first ten elegies are examined from the angle of the antagonism between Ego and anti-Ego. Have a fruitful reading!

2011.01.16

The *RBPH* can now be consulted online. If you want to read the articles numbered 5, 7, 12, 14, 15, 20, 23, 28, 29 and 33 in the present Bibliography, go to <http://www.persee.fr/web/revues/home/prescript/revue/rbph> . Or search Persée + Maleuvre.

2010.12.28

Today online: ["Dying in Perusia : A proposal for Prop. 1.21-22"](#) . Have a good reading!

2010.12.24

“Mourir à Pérouse” : A new experiment of the Ego vs anti-Ego theory. Now online in French, soon in English.

2010.12.08

Today is the 2074<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Horace's birth. As a modest homage to his genius, I propose a new interpretation of *Satires* 2. 3 and 2. 7 in an article entitled [“Le prince, le poète et l'esclave”](#) : or how a certain 'slave' takes advantage of Saturnalia, one of the most popular Roman festivals, that was marked by a reversal of social roles, to tell his 'master' a few home truths. But which is the master? which the poet? which the slave?

Have a festive reading!

2010. 11.27

Today is the 2017<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Horace's death. Trebatius had warned him: *O puer, ut sis / Vitalis metuo, et maiorum nequis amicus / Frigore te feriat.*

(

Sat.

2. 1. 60-62). "Lad, / I fear for your life, lest one of your powerful / Friends freeze you dead."

(transl. A. S. Kline).

His prophecy, alas, turned out to be true :

<http://www.espace-horace.org/etud/maleuvre1.htm>

2010.10.15

Today is the 2079<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Virgil's birth. Let's all rejoice! On this occasion, you can find online "Is Diomedes a liar?", a new example of the Mantuan Swan's prodigious virtuosity in the art of *cacozelia latens*. Have a fruitful reading!

2010.09.28

Today online: "The Julian Star", where a famous comet's traditional date is reconsidered. Have a good reading!

2010.09.23

Today is the 2072<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Augustus's birth. The event was such a joy for his father that he wanted to kill the baby

(Cassius Dio, 41, 1, 5), but was Gaius Octavius

really his father? See

<http://www.virgilmurder.org>

[/images/pdf/fili.pdf](#)

, at the

end of p.2.

2010.09.21

Today is the 2028<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Virgil's death. Even his murderer shed (crocodile) tears over his victim : see *Temporibus laetis*, <http://golden-age.over-blog.com/5-index.html>, p. 2.

2010.08.03

Today online the reasons why seventeen lines of the epistle to Florus should be deleted. Have a good reading! And remember: registering to virgilmurder is free and without any obligation, it's just an encouragement.

2010.07.20

Seventeen forged lines in the epistle to Florus (Hor., *Epist.* II, 2, 126-42)? with a light rectification to <http://www.virgilmurder.org/images/pdf/arsp.pdf>, p. 14 n. 19. Today online ("Articles inédits"). It's written in French, but will be soon, I'm afraid, translated in (my deplorable) English. I apologize in advance.

2010.06.25

Today online (in French: see "Articles inédits") some reflections about the datation of the so-called *Sidus Iulium*. Have a fruitful reading!



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2010.06.23

Now on <http://golden-age.over-blog.com/5-index.html> you can read an exciting commentary on the (virtually) most famous coin of the world.

2010.05.19

Today online (in French): *Labor improbus*. Have a useful reading!

2010.04.22 : "Propertius, fear the Crab, eight-footed Cancer!" (Prop. 4.1.150).

Today on "More analyses": "Propertius' punishment".

2010.03.28

Today online (More analyses): How Virgil in the sixth book of the *Aeneid*, has managed to express, in spite of the censorship, his disgust and anger against Augustus through his avatar Aeneas.

2010.03.20

Today is the 2052<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ovid's birthday. Let's celebrate, let's hope that he will be some day avenged. It depends on each of us.

2010.03.17

An allusion to Attia, Julius Caesar's niece, in the sixth book of the *Aeneid*? Today online ("More analyses"). Have

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2010.02.10: News from Canidia:

<http://golden-age.over-blog.com/article-les-metamorphoses-de-la-canidia-horatienne-44857633.html> .

2010.02.03

Is there a link between Horace *Od.* 4. 11 and Euripides *Electra* ? Today online ("More analyses"). Have a good reading !

2010.01.17

25 (+ 8) imperial lines in the *Ars Poetica* ? Today online ("More analyses"). Have a fruitful reading !

2010.01.08

*Ars Poetica* : should the Muses seize the pitchforks again (see "Augustus and ambiguity") ? So on online.

2009.12.21

A soupçon of Augustus in Lucretius too ? Today online ("More Analyses"). Have a pleasant reading !

2009.12.15

Did Augustus invite himself in *De Rerum Natura* also? Soon online.

2009.12.09

Today online (More analyses) : "Augustus and ambiguity". You can react on the Forum.

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2009.12.08

Today, 2073<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Horace's birthday. Let's rejoice !

2009. 11.27

Today, 2016<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Horace's death, but should we not rather say murder ? see <http://www.espace-horace.org/etud/maleuvre1.htm>

2009. 11.22

Eight spurious lines in Horace's *Ars Poetica* ? Soon online.

2009. 10. 28

It appears that the notion of ambiguity is too often used by critics who, consciously or unconsciously, wish to muzzle the cacozelean poets. In response, see on "Articles inédits" (in French) "Ambiguïté, un puits sans fond ?"  
Have a fruitful reading!

2009. 10. 15 :

Today, 2078<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Virgil's birthday. Let's rejoice ! "all the charm of all the Muses / often flowering in a lonely word", A. Tennyson, *To Virgil*.

2009. 10. 07 :

Today on "More analyses", some corrections to *Jeux de Masques*

2009. 09. 21 :

For the 2071<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Augustus' birth, see on "More analyses" a new evidence of "his good feelings" towards Virgil. Have a joyful reading !

2009. 09. 21 :

Although it's generally admitted that Virgil died on the 21<sup>th</sup> of September –19, the possibility that it was on the 22<sup>th</sup> of September (Donatus auctus) cannot be ruled out. By a strange coincidence, it would have been just the day before Augustus' birthday : see Hor.

*Epist.*

1 .

5 (Bibliography, item n° 35, pp. 162 ff.).

2009. 09. 21 :

Today is a sad anniversary : 2027 years ago Virgil died in shady circumstances.

“Hod took the mistletoe and aimed at Balder as directed by Loki. The dart went right through him, and he fell dead to the ground. This was the greatest misfortune ever to befall gods and men.”, *The Death of Balder* , from *The Prose Edda of Snorri Sturluson*.

2009. 09. 10 :

Is the prologue of Hor., *Sat.* 1. 10 really spurious ? Today online (on “More articles”). Have a pleasant reading.

2009.08.24

An allusion to Virgil's murder in Ov., *Amor.* II, 16 ? See <http://golden-age.over-blog.com/article-35213648.html>

2009.08.21

Today online : "Why Tomis ?" Have a pleasant reading !

2009.07.27

Today online (see "More analyses") : *ABOLERE SYCHAEUM* (Virg., *Aen.* I, 670) ? You can react on the Forum.

2009.07.22

Addition of a note (n. 1) to "A relentless killer".

2009.06.26

He was 50 years old. The cause of his death does not seem clear. Investigations are going on...

2009.06.19 :

How I love President Obama when he swats a fly that is just a fly ! How I hate the emperor Augustus when he puts to death a culex that is much more than a culex (see "A coin speaks" and "Textual evidence") !

2009.06.12 :

Virgil in love with Octavian!!! No, you are not dreaming. In his recent book entitled *Virgil the Partisan : A Study in the Re-Integration of Classics* (2008), p. 288, Professor

Anton Powell was not afraid to write : "Since Virgil had an intense sensibility towards the beauty of young men, and Octavian himself was a young man of very attractive looks who was glad to have them acknowledged, may a study of the personal in Virgil lead us back into the political ? Did he, like his character Tityrus, find Octavian's face unforgettable, with consequences for his work? ... It would be irresponsible not to entertain the possibility

that for Virgil part of the reason for his political partisanship was he found Octavian gorgeous". Sorry, Professor Powell, I must confess my total irresponsability in this kind of "entertainment"... But to avenge Virgil, I kindly invite the visitors to read, or re-read "A matter of size" (on "More analyses").

2009.06.01

Today online : *Augustus Tortor* (on "More analyses").

2009.05.25

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Today online ("More analyses") an English translation of *Ille ego qui quondam...* (= Bibliography, item n° 31). Reactions are welcome on the Forum.

2009.05.12

Today online ("More analyses") : A RELENTLESS KILLER. Have a good reading !

2009.05.09 : "The voice of Justice cries out ! The blood of Virgil stains the land, begging for YOU to recognize his true killer !" If you wish to show your solidarity with the cause (and to have access to anti-*Aeneid* 1, 2, 3, 4, 5), become a member : it's free !

2009.05.06

Today online ("Articles inédits") a beautiful article on Ovid's *In Ibin*, by Baudouin Schmitz. Have a fruitful reading !

2009.05.02

Today online ("More analyses") "Hor., *Od.* 1. 3 and Virgil's death : A sharpened piece of evidence". Have a pleasant reading !

2009.04.23

Addition to A MATTER OF SIZE : Ovid, *Amor.* III, 6, 5-6 (*Paruus eras, memini, nec te transire refugi / Summaque uix talos contigit unda meos*

) is alluding to Mopsus' small stature (

*Iam fragilis poteram a terra contingere ramos*

,

*Ecl*

. VIII, 40). This obvious echo only takes sense if we accept the suggestion that the Torrent is an allegory of Octavius (see

*Jeux de Masques*

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, pp. 245-9).

2009.04.17

Today online : A MATTER OF SIZE (on "More analyses"). Have a joyful reading !

2009.04.01

Today online, an article by Stive Rochemin : FIVE IN ONE (on "More analyses"). Have a good reading !

2009.03.20

Today, the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, let's celebrate Ovid's anniversary ! Ovid was born in the year 43 B. C. : *Trist.* IV, 10, 13, and he died in the reign of Tiberius, who hated him (16 ? 17 ?). He was 50 when the emperor Augustus banished him, just as Vergil was 50 when the Sun ( *sic* ) stroke him to death. The poet tells us how gloomy his birthdays were at Tomis ( *Trist.* III, 13, 1-4) :

*Ecce superuacuuus – quid enim fuit utile gigni?-*

□□□□ *Ad sua natalis tempora noster adest.*

*Dure, quid ad miseros ueniebas exulis annos ?*

□□□□ *Debueras illis imposuisse modum ?*

“So is my Anniversary back and punctual, and superfluous too – for what’s the good of living ?- You cruel, why do you add to the wretched years of an exile ? You ought to put an end to them”.

He compared exile to death (*ibid.* 21-22):

*Funeris ara mihi ferali cincta cupressu*

□□□□ *Conuenit et structis flamma parata rogis*

“What fits me is a funerary altar wreathed with funeral cypress, and the flame prepared for and erected pyre”.

What crime had he committed to deserve such a punishment ? Was the whole affair in relation with the murder of Vergil ? This Forum is open to all discussions.

2009.03.15

If you read French, please go to “Articles inédits” to discover an amusing paper by Stive Rochemin, entitled “Virgile au saloir” (“Vergil in the salting tub”)... and react on this Forum.

2009.03.10



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Welcome to the new Virgilmurder !

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