

A NEW MS OF THE *VATICANUS PARADOXOGRAPHUS*

The history of the editions of the small collection—largely but not entirely derived from similar collections—of paradoxa known as the *Vaticanus Paradoxographus* (vel *Rohdii*) has not been happy. The *editio princeps*, by Erwin Rohde,¹ was like its successors based on a single MS, V = Vat. Gr. 12, foll. 212^r–215^v. This edition was full of errors, which are to be explained only partly, one assumes, by the physical condition of the MS: the paper and pen were of poor quality (to the extent that it is now impossible to divine what the scribe intended in one instance: cf. line 64). The next editor, O. Keller,² corrected some of Rohde's errors, preserved others, and added more of his own. The last editor, A. Giannini,³ was justly critical of his predecessors, but his own edition is not so free of fault that one can confidently accept what he reports, where that report differs from those of Rohde and Keller.⁴

There is, moreover, another MS which contains part of the work and which I refer to as D(ecurtatus).⁵ In what follows, I print the readings of D (where they differ from Giannini's text) and V (where they have been misreported, in text or apparatus, or omitted by Giannini).

2 φησιν: φασιν V	3 μέλλωσιν: μέλλουσιν D	4 ἀγνίσασαν D, corr. Rohde	6				
διαπεραιώνται D, corr. Rohde, διαπερεώνται V	9 Δαλίων: Θαλία D	10 κροκότταν:					
κρότταν D	17 σφήκαν: σφήκα D	20 "Αναιμα: "Εναιμα D (E a rubricatore)	20				
πλείους: πλείω D	22 ιχθύες: ιχθύς DV	22 διό, ἐάν: δι' ὃν καὶ ὅταν DV	22				
διώκεται D, corr. Rohde	22 ὁ om. D	26 τὰ om. D	29 κὰν: ἐν DV	30			
Γάγγη: σάγγη D	30 μεδίμνας: μεδίμνους D	31 †πληθός †ὥς: πλοίοις καὶ D, πλείους καὶ V ⁶	35 τὸ μὲν ἐν: τὸ μὲν D ^{ae} τὸ ἐν D ^{pc} τὸ ὦν ἐν V	36 πέσσεσθαι: πήσσεσθαι DV	37 Λυγκήσταις: λυγκίσταις D (ut V)	37 τι εἶναι: εἶναι D εἶναι V ⁷	46
εὐρίσκεσθαι: εὐρίσκεται DV	50 φυλλᾶν: φύλλων τούτων V	58 εἰ δ' οὐ: εἰ δ' οὖν V ⁸	59 Πέρνθος: Πείρυνθος V	63 Μαρσύας: Μαρσίας V	64 ἦν πως: ἡ πω (?)		

1. "Isigoni Nicaeensis de rebus mirabilibus breviarium e codice Vaticano nunc primum edidit," *Acta Societatis philologicae Lipsiensis* 1 (1871): 25–42. Cf. A. Nauck, "Kritische Bemerkungen VI: Zu Isigonus Nicaeensis," *Bulletin de l'Académie impériale des sciences de St.-Petersbourg* 17 (1872): 262–63, several of whose emendations of Rohde's text are actually in V.

2. *Rerum naturalium Scriptores Graeci minores*, vol. 1 (Leipzig, 1877), pp. 106–15.

3. *Paradoxographorum Graecorum reliquiae = Classici Graeci e Latini* (Milan, 1965), pp. 331–51. In his review (*Mnemosyne*, ser. 4, 23 [1970]: 91), D. Holwerda was able to correct three mistaken readings from the page reproduced in Giannini.

4. I use throughout Giannini's line numbering.

5. It is the final folium (284^{rv}) of Vat. Gr. 1144, a "Mischhandschrift" of saec. xiv/xv. The text extends to line 49 ἀμειφθῆναι. D and V are descended from a common ancestor: both, for example, have intrusive φησί at 39 (Giannini) or 40 (Rohde, Keller). There are no errors which qualify as separative, but D > V seems excluded by 9 Θαλία D, Δαλίων V. V > D is, I think, excluded by the number of errors in V.

6. There is no doubt about the text of V here. The letter which Giannini interprets as η cannot be that, since the right hasta of this scribe's η regularly descends to or below the line (see the plate after p. 342, lines 2 and 5). The abbreviation which Giannini interprets as καὶ is ὥς (the same abbreviation at line 36), but ὥς should be retained as an emendation.

For discussion and other emendations (rendered unnecessary by the reading of D), see E. K. Borthwick, "Lucretius' Elephant Wall," *CQ* 23 (1973): 292 and n. 3.

7. The squiggle over εἶναι in V probably represents breathing and accent. It cannot be τι.

8. The reading of V may be due to a *lapsus oculi* from 56: εἰ δ' οὖν, corrected there to εἰ δ' οὐ by Rohde.

V	65	Μαρσίου: Μαρσίον V	70	ψυχρός: Ψυχρός V ⁹	79	Ἰβηρσιν: Ἰβερσιν
V	81	ὕφηνασαι sic V ¹⁰	86	τοῦτο τῷ: τούτων τῷ V	89	κτάνωσι: κτείνωσι
V	93	τινας: τινα V	96	γυνή 'κγίνεται: γυνή γίνεται V	110	δῆτα βαίνει: διαβαίνει
V	118	ἀποσπασθεῖσαν: ἀποσπασθείσα V	119	Σκύλλαιον: Σκύλαιον V	121	
		ἐκείνο: ἐκείνου V	124	Γέτας: Γαίτας V	124	ἐπιτυμπανίζειν: ἀποτυμπανίζει V
		πείθονται: πύθονται V	166	δὲ: τε V	175	ταῖς παρθένους: ταῖς lac. παρθένοις
		ἐπινοήση: ἐπινοήσει V	179	βίον: βίου V	180	ἀφίενται: ἀφείνται V
		ἢ ὀφθαλμόν: χεῖρα ἢ ὀφθαλμῷ V ¹¹	192	στρατεύσωνται: στρατεύωνται V	186	χεῖρα
		ἀνύοντες sic V	207	κατακρημνίζουσιν: κατακρυμνίζουσιν V	204	
		τῶν non hab. V.	215	ἐαυτῶν sic V	220	

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9. A proper noun is intended: these are regularly signaled, as here, by a suprascript stroke.

10. The MS is damaged here, but ὕφη[ν]άσαι is beyond doubt.

11. Iotas subscript, used here, are comparatively rare in this MS.