

Theognis' Seal Poems

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1) The Surveyed Editions

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Selle, H. 2008. *Theognis und die Theognidea*. Berlin. (Contains two proposed divisions)

2) Theognidea 1-6

- 1 ὦ ἄνα, Λητοῦς υἱέ, Διὸς τέκος, οὔποτε σεῖο  
λήσομαι ἀρχόμενος οὐδ' ἀποπαυόμενος,  
3 ἀλλ' αἰεὶ πρῶτόν τε καὶ ὕστατον ἔν τε μέσοισιν  
ἀείσω· σὺ δέ μοι κλῦθι καὶ ἐσθλὰ δίδου.  
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5 Φοῖβε ἄναξ, ὅτε μὲν σε θεὰ τέκε πότνια Λητώ  
φοίνικος ῥαδινῆς χερσὶν ἐφρασαμένη...

3) The Data

	Poem Units	Consensus (%)	Dispute (%)
Position (All sources)	----	223 couplets (35%)	405 couplets (65%)
Poem Units (All sources)	37	54 couplets (9%)	574 couplets (91%)
Position (Manuscripts)	----	389 couplets (62%)	239 couplets (38%)
Position (Modern Editions)	----	412 couplets (66%)	216 couplets (34%)
Poem Units (Manuscripts)	99	252 couplets (40%)	376 couplets (60%)
Poem Units (Modern Editions)	153	262 couplets (42%)	366 couplets (58%)

#### 4) The Seal Poem

- 19 Κύρνε, σοφιζομένωι μὲν ἔμοι σφρηγίς ἐπικείσθω  
τοῖσδ' ἔπεσιν, λήσει δ' οὔποτε κλεπτόμενα,  
21 οὐδέ τις ἀλλάξει κάκιον τοῦσθλοῦ παρεόντος·  
ᾧδε δὲ πᾶς τις ἐρεῖ· 'θεύγνιδός ἐστιν ἔπη  
23 τοῦ Μεγαρέως· πάντας δὲ κατ' ἀνθρώπους ὀνομαστός·'  
ἀστοῖσιν δ' οὔπω πᾶσιν ἀδεῖν δύναμαι·  
25 οὐδὲν θαυμαστόν, Πολυπαῖδη· οὐδὲ γὰρ ὁ Ζεὺς  
οὔθ' ὕων πάντεσσ' ἀνδάνει οὔτ' ἀνέχων.  
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27 σοὶ δ' ἐγὼ εἶ φρονέων ὑποθήσομαι, οἷά περ αὐτός,  
Κύρν', ἀπὸ τῶν ἀγαθῶν παῖς ἔτ' ἐὼν ἔμαθον·  
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29 πέπνυσο, μηδ' αἰσχροῖσιν ἐπ' ἔργμασι μηδ' ἀδίκουσιν  
τιμὰς μηδ' ἀρετὰς ἔλκεο μηδ' ἄφενος.  
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31 ταῦτα μὲν οὕτως ἴσθι· κακοῖσι δὲ μὴ προσομίλει  
ἀνδράσιν, ἀλλ' αἰεὶ τῶν ἀγαθῶν ἔχεο·  
33 καὶ μετὰ τοῖσιν πῖνε καὶ ἔσθιε, καὶ μετὰ τοῖσιν  
ἴζε, καὶ ἄνδανε τοῖσ', ὧν μεγάλη δύναμις.  
35 ἐσθλῶν μὲν γὰρ ἅπ' ἐσθλὰ μαθήσεται· ἦν δὲ κακοῖσιν  
συμμίσγηις, ἀπολεῖς καὶ τὸν ἐόντα νόον.  
37 ταῦτα μαθὼν ἀγαθοῖσιν ὁμίλειε, καὶ ποτε φήσεις  
εἶ συμβουλεύειν τοῖσι φίλοισιν ἐμέ.

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