The Pedagogical Practices of Polyaenus

**1**. Polyaenus 3.9.15

**Ἰφικράτης** θανάτου δίκην φεύγων παρεστήσατο νεανίσκους ἐγχειρίδια κατακεκρυμμένα ἔχοντας, οἳ παραφαίνοντες τοῖς δικασταῖς τὰς λαβὰς οὕτως αὐτοὺς κατέπληξαν, ὥστε φοβηθέντες ἀπεδίκασαν τὴν δίκην.

**Iphicrates**, while defending against a capital charge, positioned around the court young men with hidden swords who, on revealing the hilts to the judges, so frightened them that they absolved him of the charge out of fear.

**2**. Polyaenus 1.21.2

**Πεισίστρατος** Ἀθηναίων τὰ ὅπλα βουλόμενος παρελέσθαι παρήγγειλεν ἥκειν ἅπαντας εἰς τὸ Ἀνάκειον μετὰ τῶν ὅπλων.

**Peisistratus**, wishing to collect the arms of the Athenians, ordered them all to come to the Anakeion with their arms. [...]

**3**. Libanius *Progymnasmata, Chreia* 1

**Ἀλέξανδρος** ἐρωτηθεὶς παρά τινος ποῦ ἂν ἔχοι τοὺς θησαυροὺς τοὺς φίλους ὑπέδειξεν.

**Alexander**, upon being asked by someone where he kept his treasures, pointed to his friends.

**4**. Libanius *Progymnasmata, Chreia* 2

**Διογένης** μειράκιον ἰδὼν ἀτακτοῦν τὸν παιδαγωγὸν ἔπαισεν ἐπειπών· τί γὰρ τοιαῦτα παιδεύεις;

**Diogenes**, upon seeing a child misbehaving, struck his pedagogue, adding, "Why do you teach such things?"

**5**. Libanius *Progymnasmata, Chreia* 3

Ἰσοκράτης τῆς παιδείας τὴν μὲν ῥίζαν ἔφη πικράν, τοὺς δὲ καρποὐς γλυκεῖς.

Isocrates said that the root of education is bitter, but that its fruits are sweet. (also in Aphthonius III.4)

**6**. Polyaenus 1.16.2

Λυκοῦργος παρήγγειλεν “ἐπὶ τοὺς αὐτοὺς, ὦ Λάκωνες, μὴ στρατεύετε πολλάκις, ἵνα μὴ πολεμεῖν τοὺς ἐναντίους διδάσκοιτε”.

Lycurgus reported [from the oracle] "Do not campaign against the same enemy often, o Laconians, lest you teach the enemy how to make war.

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