

ETA SIGMA PHI 67th Annual Greek Translation Contest (2016)

Advanced Greek

To be written as an examination, under supervision, within a maximum of two hours. No lexicon or other help is permitted. Please write in ink on every other line of the paper provided. The only identification on the contest papers should be your pen name.

Establishing rules of war for the Greek citizens of Plato's *Republic*, forbidding group punishment.

Οὐδ' ἄρα τὴν Ἑλλάδα Ἑλληνες ὄντες κεροῦσιν, οὐδ' οἰκήσεις ἐμπρήσουσιν, οὐδὲ ὁμολογήσουσιν ἐν ἐκάστη πόλει πάντας ἐχθροὺς αὐτοῖς εἶναι, καὶ ἄνδρας καὶ γυναῖκας καὶ παῖδας, ἀλλ' ὀλίγους αἰ ἐχθροὺς τοὺς αἰτίους τῆς διαφορᾶς. καὶ διὰ ταῦτα πάντα οὔτε τὴν γῆν ἐθελήσουσιν κείρειν αὐτῶν, ὥς φίλων τῶν πολλῶν, οὔτε οἰκίας ἀνατρέπειν, ἀλλὰ μέχρι τούτου ποιήσονται τὴν διαφοράν, μέχρι οὗ ἂν οἱ αἵτιοι ἀναγκασθῶσιν ὑπὸ τῶν ἀναιτίων ἀλγούντων δοῦναι δίκην.

Ἐγὼ μὲν, ἔφη, ὁμολογῶ οὕτω δεῖν πρὸς τοὺς ἐναντίους τοὺς ἡμετέρους πολίτας προσφέρεσθαι· πρὸς δὲ τοὺς βαρβάρους, ὥς νῦν οἱ Ἑλληνες πρὸς ἀλλήλους.

Τιθῶμεν δὴ καὶ τοῦτον τὸν νόμον τοῖς φύλαξι, μήτε γῆν τέμνειν μήτε οἰκίας ἐμπιμπράναι;

Θῶμεν, ἔφη, καὶ ἔχειν γε καλῶς ταῦτά τε καὶ τὰ πρόσθεν.

[The subject of the first sentence ("they") is the Greek population of the ideal city-state.]

κείρω *cut down, ravage, lay waste* (to fields)

ἐμπίμπρημι *set on fire, burn*

διαφορά *dispute, quarrel, difference*

ἀνατρέπω *ruin, overturn, tear down*

ἀναγκάζω *compel, force*

ἀλγέω *suffer, be pained*

δοῦναι δίκην *to pay the penalty*

προσφέρομαι *deal with, behave oneself* (in a certain way) *towards*

τέμνω *cut down, lay waste*