Back to Socrates: Publication as Dialogue

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Humanists can be uncomfortable with the idea that their work is driven by technology, rather than the other way round.
Epigraphy sits between archaeology - the study of material culture - and texts
Archaeologists have been quick to adopt new technologies.
Thursday, November 3, 2016

**Masuh - An Endangered Roman and Umayyad Village**

Masuh is a rarity - a large Roman village in the hinterland of Philadelphia (Amman) which was not overlain 50-100 years ago by one of the scores of modern villages that grew up on the ruins of the past. One of the earliest aerial photographs of the site - taken by the German Air Force in 1918, shows the buried remains in isolation except for dozens of beduin tents nearby. A vertical photograph of 1953 still shows no buildings at the site. By 1998 there were several houses and gardens eating into the ruins and chance finds had resulted in the excavation of two churches with splendid mosaics.

Damage has continued ever since and can be traced through successive Google Earth Images (from 2004) and APAAME's own frequent aerial photographs (from 2009). The results are alarming.

As the two Google Earth images show, between 2004 (Fig. 1) and 2016 (Fig. 2) most of the houses visible at the earlier date (blue on Fig. 2) had been extended and many new houses added. The most recent aerial photograph (taken on 28th September 2016) shows (Fig. 3) that even the clearance that had already taken place on the northern edge between the church (top left) and the beginning of the village itself (red circle) has had the further...
Textual scholars made One Great Leap forward.

But, after several centuries, print is becoming impossibly expensive.
For several centuries epigraphers focused almost exclusively on text – largely from necessity.
Fair copies of texts at Aphrodisias by Robert ‘Palmyra’ Wood October 1750
Their first big innovation was the squeeze

Text from Afghanistan, from the Centre for the Study of Ancient Documents, Oxford
Epigrapher - Calder - at work, 12 June 1926 ‘was able to make a first-rate squeeze’
Form skizzieren! Notiz über Zeit der Inschrift und Fundumstände!
Reichel’s notebook, 1893
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Louis Robert (1904-1985)
William Calder at Zavak (Lystra) 1926
Photography was and is transforming our discipline – and it is now being enabled by digital tools.

The first uses of digital resources were textual
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But to focus on the uptake of the computer, and digital tools, is to jump over another, crucial, technology.
The typewriter was transformative
The implications were recognised, and the possibilities harnessed, here, in Köln
Ein neues Epikurfragment

Epikur bei Didymos


Epikur hat einem seiner Briefempfänger gezeigt, dass der einfache Mensch über das sittlich Gute und Schlechte anders urteilt als der Weise. Der Adressat urteilte vorher als einfacher Mann und hieß Gesundheit und Reichtum für höchste Güter. Nachdem er aber durch Epikurs Belehrung das Denken des einfachen Mannes hinter sich gelassen hat und ein Weiser geworden ist, vermag er anders zu urteilen: er weiss jetzt, dass Lust auch Schmerzen und Schmerz

What a shock!
Finance and accounting appear to be indispensable to an ordered society. Peoples, governments, religions have come and gone, civilizations have developed and decayed, but bookkeeping in one form or another has attended their birth and their death. Without exaggeration it may be said that the keeping of accounts is a large part of the fundamental mechanism of society; it is a basic economic and moral control. And in a playful mood of exaggeration, if one were to regard the account as the end-product of civilization, there would be no difficulty in establishing the fact that the major part of our population has always been divided into those who keep accounts and those who provide material for them. The papyri have yielded an abundance of accounts, and numerous scholars have seen in them only contemptible trifles. This attitude reflects a pardonable ignorance. An account, whether it is a brief laborers' wage list from the estate of Apollonius in Ptolemaic Philadelphia or one of the three most extensive day books of tax payments from second-century Karanis, is in itself nothing. Only when it can be put against its proper background and seen as one moment in the history of an extensive development does it reveal its true significance. An account is a record of human activity. Unfortunately, it is a very partial and concise record, and much knowledge is required to read it correctly. The analysis of an account may yield directly a large body of information concerning the cost of labor, the cost of food and clothing, the financial obligations of a conquered people to its conquerors, but that is only a beginning. An account leads us naturally to the person who composed it, his methods of bookkeeping, which are the methods of his time, and the reasons for those methods; to the persons whose activities are recorded there; to the person for whom the account was prepared; to the nature of the business which binds these parties together; - in short, to investigation of the whole economic system which produced the account. In this light we must view the large body of tax accounts which the papyri have preserved for us. They are the result
Der Eid der Isis-Mysterien

In den Jahren 1932 und 1938 hat Vittorio Bartoletti zwei Papyrusschriften veröffentlicht, die den Text eines Eides enthielten, welchen der Initiand bei der Aufnahme in ein Mysterienkult schwören musste.\(^1\) Ich will zeigen, dass es der Eid der Isis-Mysterien ist, den uns die Papyri geschenkt haben.\(^2\)

Um dies zu beweisen, ist ein Umweg über zwei Zauberbücher nötig. Es ist bekannt, dass die Zauberer vielfach religiöse Texte verwendet haben, die sie nur wenig für ihre Zwecke umgeändert hatten.\(^3\) Ich werde nun zuerst nachweisen, dass zwei Abschnitte eines Londoner Zauberbuches (Pap. Graec. Mag. V) aus liturgischen Texten der Isis-Osiris-Religion abgeleitet sind. Mit diesen


\(^3\) Man erinnere sich an die sog. Mithraisliturgie. In mehreren Texten wird bekanntlich eine Mysteriengemeinde vorgebaut; vgl. P. G. M. IV 1135 (in einem Gebet an den Welchsäuer) γαρ εἰς τὸ καθέν τοῦ ἱεροῦ δίκαιον καὶ δόξαν καὶ αἰῶνας. \(^2\) 607 Θεάτο- θεα θεά θεία διαπηρηθήσεται ἐν τῷ ὁπίς γινώσκεις, τάς ἐφιάλης αὐτοῦ τῷ τοιοῦτον [μου] τοῦτον [... = Asclepius 41 ματίων νεμών εἰς ἐντολήν ἑαυτοῦ τοῦ ἱεροῦ τούτου [...]

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