

## SHORTER NOTES

### TWO IMITATIONS IN LUCAN

*Pharsalia* 6. 400 f.:

prima fretum scindens Pagasaeo litore *pinus*  
terrenum ignotas hominem proiecit in *undas*

Catullus 64. 1 f.:

Peliaco quondam prognatae uertice *pinus*  
dicuntur liquidas Neptuni nasse per *undas*.

The subject is in both cases the voyage of the Argo, and therefore the use of the same words is not likely to be coincidental, even though the words themselves are scarcely uncommon. One would hesitate to deny, however, that such reminiscence might be unconscious; that Lucan had famous tags in his head is suggested by another allusion to famous opening lines:

*Pharsalia* 7. 445 ff:

sunt nobis nulla profecto  
numina: cum caeco rapiantur saecula casu,  
mentimur *regnare Iouem*.

Horace, *Carm.* 3. 5. 1 f:

Caelo tonantem credidimus *Iouem*  
*regnare*.

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### POSEIDON HIPPIOS IN BACCHYLIDES 17

It used to be a commonplace that Bacchylides made profligate use of epithets to adorn his poetry, and not always in an appropriate fashion. More recently, there has been a healthy reaction against this attitude, with attempts to seek more subtle relationships between epithets and the contexts in which they occur. Recent study of poem 17 has concentrated on the conflict of character between Theseus and Minos, and the structure of the Ode, but the epithets have received some attention.<sup>1</sup> Our understanding of the poem greatly profits from the observation of balances within it; for example, as Stern remarked,<sup>2</sup> 'Minos'

<sup>1</sup> On this paean see J. Stern, 'The Structure of Bacchylides XVII', *RBPb* 45 (1967) 40-7, G. W. Pieper, 'Conflict of Character in Bacchylides Ode 17', *TAPA* 103 (1972) 395-404, G. J. Gieseckam, 'The Portrayal of Minos in Bacchylides 17', *Papers of the Liverpool Latin Seminar*, ed. F. Cairns

(= *Arca* 2 (1976), 237-52, idem, *CQ* N.S. 27 (1977), 249-55, R. Führer, 'Beiträge zur Metrik und Textkritik der griechischen Lyriker II', *Nachrichten der Akademie der Wissenschaften in Göttingen*, Phil.-Hist. Klasse, 1976, 165-243.

<sup>2</sup> art. cit., p. 42.