

VI.—Claudian's *In Rufinum* and the Rhetorical Ψόγος

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Claudian's panegyrics have been shown to be strongly influenced by the rhetorical *σχῆμα* of the *ἐγκώμιον*. This paper studies the extent to which the closely related *σχῆμα* of the *ψόγος* (*vituperatio*) influenced Claudian in his composition of the invective *In Rufinum*. It is found that the poem as a whole is not a rhetorically patterned *ψόγος*, but a brief historic epic containing a preponderance of vituperative material; that Claudian's treatment of this material betrays the influence of the *ψόγος* pattern; that the interpretation of certain portions of the *In Rufinum* is aided by studying them with reference to that pattern.

Claudian's panegyrics have received considerable study as examples of the *ἐγκώμιον* constructed according to the rules and patterns prescribed by the rhetoricians of the Second Sophistic.<sup>1</sup> Both Struthers and Fargues have found in the panegyric *De Quarto Consulatu Honorii Augusti*, taken in its entirety, an almost perfect example of a rhetorically constructed *ἐγκώμιον*.<sup>2</sup> The encomiums on Honorius' third and sixth consulships follow the traditional pattern with almost as great fidelity; Claudian's remaining panegyrics, though less markedly patterned, still display ample evidence of their construction on the basis of the same rhetorical *σχῆμα*.<sup>3</sup>

Now in the teachings of the rhetoricians, the *ψόγος* or *vituperatio* is treated in close connection with the *ἐγκώμιον* or *laus*.<sup>4</sup> The patterns prescribed for the two genres are identical, save that in the *ψόγος* each *τόπος* is to be treated as an occasion for revilement instead of as a theme of eulogy. The question naturally arises, to what extent was Claudian influenced in the composition of his

<sup>1</sup> L. B. Struthers, "The Rhetorical Structure of the Encomia of Claudius Claudian," *HSPh* 30 (1919) 49–87; P. Fargues, *Claudien* (Paris, 1933) 191–218. Cf. T. C. Burgess, "Epideictic Literature," *Chicago Studies in Classical Philology*, 3 (1902) 113–37.

<sup>2</sup> Struthers, "Rhet. Str." 86; Fargues, *Claudien* 214 f.

<sup>3</sup> In addition to the poems on Honorius' consulates, both Struthers and Fargues analyze the panegyrics on Probinus and Olybrius, on Manlius Theodorus, and on Serena; Struthers also studies the pseudo-Claudianean *Laus Herculis*, while Fargues analyzes as a panegyric the first two books *De Consulatu Silichonis*.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Quint. 2.4.20, 3.7.19; L. Spengel, *Rhetores Graeci* (hereafter cited as *RG*) 2.11.28–30 (ps.-Hermogenes); 2.40.10 f. (Aphthonius); 2.112.17 f. (Theo); 2.505.2 f. (ps.-Aristides); 3.3.20–23 (Alexander); 3.482.11 f. (Nicolaus). Cf. also W. Stegemann in *RE* s.v. "Nikolaos (Rhetor)" 436.37–41.

invectives by the very patterns and rules which he followed so closely in writing his panegyrics? As regards the invective *In Rufinum*, the question is briefly discussed by Fargues in an interesting and instructive paragraph.<sup>5</sup> The French scholar himself, however, elsewhere<sup>6</sup> calls for further study of the *In Rufinum* along the same lines. The present paper is the result of such a study.

Let us first consider the rhetorical pattern to which reference has several times been made. Though the various rhetoricians differ somewhat as to the main divisions of the *ἐγκώμιον* (and hence of the *ψόγος*), the headings enumerated by Aphthonius may be taken as fairly representative of the traditional scheme.<sup>7</sup> Aphthonius' *τόποι* are six: 1. *προοίμιον*, or Prologue; 2. *γένος*, or Race and Genealogy; 3. *ἀνατροφή*, or Nurture and Education; 4. *πράξεις*, or Deeds; 5. *σύγκρισις*, or Comparison; and 6. *ἐπίλογος*, or Epilogue.

It is a great temptation to analyze the entire *In Rufinum* as a *ψόγος* in accord with the foregoing pattern. The poem has a well defined *προοίμιον* (1.1–24) and *ἐπίλογος* (2.454–527); as we shall see presently, three of the remaining four *τόποι* (*ἀνατροφή*, *πράξεις*, and *σύγκρισις*) are represented, while the absence of a section corresponding to *γένος* may be accounted for without too much difficulty.

There are, however, two unavoidable obstacles which preclude such an analysis of the poem as a whole. The first arises from the very considerable portions of the *In Rufinum* which cannot, without Procrustean violence, be subordinated to any of the traditional headings; the second has to do with the general structure of the poem.

I. Any analysis of the *In Rufinum* under the *τόποι* of the *ψόγος* must leave out of consideration three important parts of the poem:

(A) The Fury episode: 1.25–175. The verses cited, comprising almost half the first book, narrate a conspiracy of the Furies against the peace and happiness of mankind. It was as a direct result of this conspiracy, according to Claudian, that Rufinus was brought to his position of power in the Roman world. There is no place in the traditional scheme of the *ψόγος* for such a narrative.

<sup>5</sup> Fargues, *Claudian* 220 f. On the question of a similar study of the *In Eutropium*, cf. note 31, below.

<sup>6</sup> *REA* 38 (1936) 371.

<sup>7</sup> *RG* 2.36.7–19 (Aphthonius; cf. 2.40.14–17). Cf. *RG* 2.12.7–13.5 (ps.-Hermogenes); 2.111.11–112.8 (Theo); 3.413.10 f., 420.11–421.3 (Menander); 3.479.27–481.27 (Nicolaus). Cf. also Burgess, "Epid. Lit." 122–28; Struthers, "Rhet. Str." 50–52; Fargues, *Claudian* 197–209.

(B) The elements of a panegyric on Stilicho: 1.259–300, 332–53, 372–87, 2.1–6, 101–29, 171–292.<sup>8</sup> Though the first group of verses cited (1.259–300) may, as we shall see, be regarded as constituting the σύγκρισις of a ψόγος, the rest, comprising over 175 verses, would have to be considered extraneous.

(C) The famous account of Rufinus' murder and dismemberment: 2.384–453. This account provides the poem with its emotional climax. As is the case with the Fury episode, these verses could not be classified under any of the six τόποι without doing wholly unwarranted violence to their interpretation.

II. In addition to these specific difficulties, there is a more general one. The rhetorical σχῆμα, by its very nature, envisages a topical treatment,<sup>9</sup> while the *In Rufinum* is constructed for the most part along chronological lines. Even where, as in 1.176–353, Claudian departs in his presentation of events from the strict order of their occurrence,<sup>10</sup> he maintains the effect of a chronological account through the use of narrative tenses (1.220: Crescebat, 1.256: Deiecerat) and of the temporal adverb iam (1.305, 308). In the second book, the treatment is genuinely chronological from start to finish. Thus the *In Rufinum*, like the *De Bello Gildonico* and the *De Bello Gothico*, has the general structure of a historical epic.<sup>11</sup>

Does this necessarily mean that the rhetorical ψόγος pattern is completely to be disregarded in our study of the *In Rufinum*? If we may be guided by the analogy of the *De Bello Gildonico* and the *De Bello Gothico*, we shall answer that question in the negative. Each of the poems last mentioned, though planned along epic lines, contains a great deal of encomiastic material. Fargues' analysis of this material shows clearly that Claudian was influenced in its composition by the traditional pattern of the ἐγκώμιον, even to the point of introducing into one passage a topic called for by the σχῆμα,

<sup>8</sup> A. Kurfess, *Hermes* 76 (1941) 94, discusses Claudian's abrupt transition from vituperation to eulogy.

<sup>9</sup> RG 2.112.3–5 (Theo): τὰς πράξεις . . . παραληφόμεθα οὐκ ἐφεξῆς διηγοῦμενοι· λέγοντες γὰρ ἄλλα προστίθεμεν κατὰ μίαν ἐκάστην ἀρετήν; Burgess, "Epid. Lit." 116.

<sup>10</sup> Thus Stilicho's campaign of A.D. 392 at the River Hebrus (cf. E. Stein, *Geschichte des Spätromischen Reiches* [Vienna, 1928] 301) is narrated in verses 316–53, while the murder of Lucianus, which took place either in the next year or in 395 (cf. H. L. Levy, *The Invective In Rufinum of Claudius Claudianus* [Geneva, N. Y., 1935] 21, note 133), is referred to in verses 240 f. The civil disqualification of the Lycians figures in an earlier passage (232 f.) than the execution of Proculus and the banishment of Tatianus (246–49): for the reverse historical sequence of these events, cf. Stein, *op. cit.* 327.

<sup>11</sup> Fargues, *Claudian* 216.

but otherwise quite unrelated to the subject at hand.<sup>12</sup> There is nothing inherently improbable, then, in the theory of a rhetorical sub-pattern, so to speak, operating within the general framework of a brief historic epic. Let us then examine the vituperative material of the *In Rufinum* with a view to discovering whether its composition betrays the influence of the six rhetorical *τόποι* which we listed above.

I. *προοίμιον*. The *In Rufinum* has, as we mentioned before, a well-defined exordium (1.1–24). However, the specific influence of the *ψόγος* pattern at this point cannot be measured, since the rhetoricians do not assign particular topics for the *προοίμιον* of the *ἐγκώμιον* or of the *ψόγος*.<sup>13</sup> The mere existence of a *προοίμιον*, of course, proves nothing.

II. *γένος*. This is the one *τόπος* of Aphthonius' *ψόγος* pattern which is entirely unrepresented in the *In Rufinum*. Nowhere in the poem does Claudian disparage Rufinus' ethnic or genealogical background. This omission does not in itself, however, necessarily constitute a departure from rhetorical precept. The rhetoricians expressly sanction the omission (*παράλειψις*) of a *τόπος* for which material is either unsuitable or lacking.<sup>14</sup> Such a situation apparently occurs here. Ethnically, Rufinus was a Gaul, and Claudian was bound to treat the Gauls with respect as constituting an important element in Stilicho's army, as well as at the court of Honorius.<sup>15</sup> The omission of an attack on genealogical grounds might perhaps be explicable in a similar manner, for it is possible that Rufinus was related to some of the Gallic courtiers just mentioned. It is more likely, however, that Claudian lacked the information which would have enabled him to deal in detail with Rufinus' family connections. Such was the predicament — from the opposite point of view — of the sophist Libanius, who declares himself hampered in his projected panegyric on Rufinus by the lack of data on the latter's genealogy, among other things.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.* 217.

<sup>13</sup> Cf. *RG* 2.36.9, 40.14 (Aphthonius); 2.111.12 f. (Theo); 3.450.18–22, 479.27–30 (Nicolaus). Menander (*RG* 3.368.8–17) gives more specific suggestions for the *προοίμιον* of the *βασιλικὸς λόγος* but they are not such as can be reversed for use in a *ψόγος*.

<sup>14</sup> Cf. *RG* 2.505.17–27 (ps.-Aristides); 3.370.9–13 (Menander). Cf. also Struthers, "Rhet. Str." 64, 69, 81; Fargues, *Claudian* 216.

<sup>15</sup> Cf. *In Ruf.* 2.105, 110–14; 4 *Cons. Hon.* 582 f.; *Cons. Manl. Theod.* Pr. 8; *Epith.* 119 f.

<sup>16</sup> Liban. *Ep.* 1025 (= Foerster 11.214.7–11): δὲ ἤτησα μὲν . . . πολλάκις, . . . τοῦτο καὶ νῦν δέομαι δοθῆναι μοι, τίνων τε ἐγένον γονέων καὶ τὰν τοῖς διδασκαλείοις ἔργα

III. *ἀνατροφή*. Thus far our results have been entirely negative. It is in the consideration of the third *τόπος* that our investigation first bears positive fruit, for the *In Rufinum* does contain a section devoted to Rufinus' nurture and education (1.92–111). We are told (1.92–95) that the new-born child was nurtured on the milk of the Fury Megaera, and also (1.97–111) that he went to school to the same Megaera to learn from her all the *dolos artesque nocendi*. In this account we can certainly discern the prescribed vituperative inversion of the encomiastic *τόπος*, for the rhetoricians' stock example under this head of the *ἐγκώμιον* is the nurture of Achilles on the marrow of lions' bones, and his education at the hands of the wise old Centaur Chiron.<sup>17</sup> Nor is this all. Claudian (1.101–11) makes a point of Rufinus' ready absorption of Megaera's instruction, and of his natural aptitude (1.110: *ingenio*) for evil. Now Aphthonius mentions as a sub-topic under *ἀνατροφή* the recital of *ἐπιτηδεύματα*, or favorite pursuits.<sup>18</sup> Menander says that this recital should provide an indication of character as revealed by preference (*ἐνδειξις τοῦ ἥθους καὶ τῆς προαιρέσεως*),<sup>19</sup> which is exactly what Claudian accomplishes in the eleven verses last cited.

IV. *πράξεις*. An account of the subject's deeds forms, according to Aphthonius,<sup>20</sup> the most important section of the *ἐγκώμιον*, and hence, presumably, of the *ψόγος*. A major portion of the *In Rufinum* is in fact devoted to the misdeeds of Rufinus, starting with the intrigues which he is said to have commenced immediately upon his arrival at Theodosius' court (1.176–78), and ending with the vain attempt at usurpation which just preceded his death (2.381–83). However, we find no such elaborate topical schematization as that which Aphthonius prescribes, with its three sub-topics, each further divided into two or three subordinate headings.<sup>21</sup> On the other hand, this portion of the poem is not altogether lacking in indica-

δι' ὅσων πεπόμεναι. Note that the subjects mentioned correspond to the topics *γένος* and *ἀνατροφή*. Cf. *Ep.* 1029 (= Foerster 11.218.12–14): *βοηθήσατ' οὖν οἱ εἰδότες τῷ οὐκ εἰδῶτι καὶ γράψαντες ἐπιστείλατε καὶ φεύγοντα τὴν τοῦτων διδασκαλίαν τὸν ἄνδρα (sc. τὸν 'Ρουφίνον) ἐπαναγκάζοντες*. Cf. O. Seeck, *Hermes* 41 (1906) 482 f.; Levy, *op. cit.* (see note 10) 16 f.

<sup>17</sup> Cf. *RG* 2.12.10 f. (ps.-Hermogenes); 3.371.24 (Menander); 3.481.9 f. (Nicolaus). Cf. also Liban. *Progymn.* 8.3.2, 9.1.3 (= Foerster 8.236.5–10, 283.4 f.).

<sup>18</sup> *RG* 2.36.11 f. (Aphthonius). Cf. also *RG* 3.384.20 f. (Menander); 3.481.10–12 (Nicolaus); and Quint. 3.7.15.

<sup>19</sup> *RG* 3.384.20 f.

<sup>20</sup> *RG* 2.36.12 f. Cf. also *RG* 2.12.18 f. (ps.-Hermogenes).

<sup>21</sup> *RG* 2.36.12–16.

tions of rhetorical patterning. Menander and others counsel a dichotomy of *πράξεις* into (1) those concerned with peace and (2) those concerned with war. They also recommend that the *πράξεις* be treated with reference to the four virtues of *ἀνδρεία*, *δικαιοσύνη*, *σωφροσύνη*, and *φρόνησις*: the last three, says Menander, belong particularly to *ὁ λόγος ὁ περὶ τῆς εἰρήνης*.<sup>22</sup> Rufinus' misdeeds with regard to civil affairs (his *πράξεις κατ' εἰρήνην*) are indeed all treated in a continuous series (1.176–258), though from the standpoint of chronology a passage dealing with military events should have interrupted the recital.<sup>23</sup> A grouping of the *πράξεις κατ' εἰρήνην* with reference to the three prescribed virtues (here in the antithetical sense, of course) may also be discerned. First the order is that given by Menander, then there is a chiastic repetition of *δικαιοσύνη* and *σωφροσύνη*, as follows:

(1) *δικαιοσύνη*: 1.176–82. Rufinus' injustice is shown by the immediate departure of righteousness (1.177: *ilicet ambitio nasci, discedere rectum*) upon his arrival at Theodosius' court; righteousness is replaced by ambition, venality, the betrayal of secrets, and the exaggeration of minor frictions.

(2) *σωφροσύνη*: 1.183–95. At the opposite pole from a wise moderation is Rufinus' insatiable lust for wealth. He is like an ocean, absorbing the flow of countless tributaries without ever feeling the increase; jewels and landed property, the fruits of the soil, the wealth of the living and the dead, the spoils of the inhabited world, all pour into his mansion to enrich his private empire.

(3) *φρόνησις*: 1.196–219. Rufinus' intelligence is impugned by the charge that he is insanely lacking in comprehension of the proper ends which the material possessions of mankind should serve.

(2a) *σωφροσύνη*: 1.220–29. The acquisition of loot serves only to whet Rufinus' thirst for more; he bursts forth in uncontrolled fury at any refusal of his exorbitant demands.

(1a) *δικαιοσύνη*: 1.230–58. Rufinus is guilty of a cruel and wanton perversion of judicial process.

So much for the *πράξεις κατ' εἰρήνην*. I suggest that it may fairly be maintained that both the agglomeration of these deeds into a single section and their arrangement within the section betray the influence of the rhetorical *ψόγος* pattern.

<sup>22</sup> *RG* 3.372.25–376.31 (Menander). Cf. also *RG* 2.112.2–8 (Theo); 3.481.12–20 (Nicolaus). Note especially *RG* 3.375.6–8 (Menander).

<sup>23</sup> Cf. the first sentence of note 10, above.

The remaining misdeeds of Rufinus which Claudian recounts may, with some latitude, be classified as *πράξεις κατὰ πόλεμον*, for they are all more or less connected with military affairs: 1.301–31, 354–67, 2.7–99, 130–70, 293–383. Implicit throughout is the imputation of a lack of *ἀνδρεία*, the virtue especially appropriate to these *πράξεις*; the charge is explicitly made in two places. In 2.50–53, Rufinus is branded as the craven betrayer (*proditor* . . . *iners*) of an empire won by generations of valorous Romans; in 2.130–40 he is portrayed as pallid with fright at Stilicho's approach.

V. *σύγκρισις*. A single over-all comparison, as distinguished from incidental comparisons ornamenting the various parts of the work, is a set feature of the pattern prescribed by Aphthonius and by Menander.<sup>24</sup> In a different connection, Aphthonius distinguishes two types of *σύγκρισις*: (1) a double laudation (*διπλοῦν ἐγκώμιον*), a comparison, that is, of two praiseworthy subjects,<sup>25</sup> and (2) a vituperation compounded of praise and blame (*ψόγος ἐξ ἐγκωμίου καὶ ψόγου συγκείμενος*).<sup>26</sup> In 1.259–300 we find a lengthy comparison between Stilicho, the hero of the poem, and Rufinus, its villain, a comparison in which terms of praise for the former and of revilement for the latter are interlaced throughout. On the one hand we have such expressions as 1.259: *magnanimi virtus Stilichonis*, 1.264 f.: *cunctis optata quies*, . . . *sola pericli / turris* . . . *clipeusque*; 1.266: *profugis sedes*; 1.267: *servandis* . . . *castra bonis*; 1.275: *sidus ceu dulce*; 1.283 f.: *Taceat superata vetustas, / Herculeos conferre tuis iam desinat actus*; on the other, 1.261: *letiferos rictus*; 1.261 f.: *rapacem* / . . . *feram*; 1.265: *trucem* . . . *hostem*; 1.266: *furori*; 1.268: *fuga* . . . *inerti*; 1.291–93: *Hoc monstrum* . . . *tremebat* / . . . *Latia quidquid dicione subactum / vivit*. The continuous implicit contrast between Stilicho as the embodiment of virtue and Rufinus as the personification of vice culminates and becomes explicit in the last four verses (1.297–300): *Certamen sublime diu, sed moribus impar / virtutum scelerumque fuit*.

<sup>24</sup> *RG* 2.36.17 f., 40.16 f. (Aphthonius); 3.376.31–377.9, 420.31–421.3 (Menander). Aphthonius' sample *ἐγκώμια* and *ψόγος* illustrate this concept of the *σύγκρισις*: *RG* 2.38.7–11, 40.1–3, 42.13–17.

<sup>25</sup> *RG* 2.42.25. In practice Aphthonius recognizes an analogous *διπλοῦς ψόγος*: cf. *RG* 2.42.23 f.: *παρθεῖναι* . . . *φαῦλα φαύλους*; cf. also the *διπλοῦς ψόγος* of Philip and Echetus (Hom. *Od.* 18.85), *RG* 2.42.13–17, and that of a tyrant and a murderer, *RG* 2.34.15–20.

<sup>26</sup> The words *καὶ ψόγου* (which Spengel, following two codices, omits) are rightly included in the text by H. Rabe in his Teubner edition (Leipzig, 1926) 31.11 f. (= *RG* 2.42.25 f. I have elsewhere used the page and line numbers of *RG* for ease of multiple reference): cf. *RG* 2.42.24: *χρηστὰ πονηροῖς*.

Iugulare minatur, / tu prohibes; ditem spoliat, tu reddis egenti. / Eruit, instauras; accendit proelia, vincis. The entire passage is readily classified as a *σύγκρισις* embodying a *ψόγος ἐξ ἐγκωμίου καὶ ψόγου συγκείμενος*; moreover, it exactly fulfills the requirement for the main *σύγκρισις* of an *ἐγκώμιον* or *ψόγος*, namely that it encompass the entire theme of the work.

In addition to the main *σύγκρισις* just referred to, Menander recommends the use of partial *συγκρίσεις*, which he calls *μερικάί*, appropriate to the several main divisions of the epideictic piece.<sup>27</sup> At least eight examples of the latter type of *σύγκρισις* may be discerned in the *In Rufinum*. Five of these take the form of a *ψόγος διπλοῦς*, comparing Rufinus with some other abomination.<sup>28</sup> One, an *ἐγκώμιον διπλοῦν* glorifying Stilicho (1.278–96), forms part of the main *σύγκρισις*. Another (1.200–216), like the main *σύγκρισις* itself, has the form of a *ψόγος ἐξ ἐγκωμίου καὶ ψόγου συγκείμενος*, for it contrasts the evil magnificence of the greedy Rufinus with the noble simplicity of Fabricius and other Romans of the old stamp. Still another (2.440–53) compares the regal splendor of Rufinus' life with the horrid degradation of his death. The multiplicity of these comparisons, which we might be disposed to characterize as "rhetorical" on general grounds, is perhaps traceable specifically to the insistence of the rhetoricians on the *σύγκρισις* as an ornament of the *ἐγκώμιον* and of the *ψόγος*.

VI. *ἐπίλογος*. Aphthonius and Menander suggest that this *τόπος* of the *ἐγκώμιον* conclude with a prayer for future welfare.<sup>29</sup> In a sense the antithesis of such a prayer is provided by the concluding episode of the *In Rufinum*, 2.454–527. The verses cited describe Rufinus' *κατάβασις εἰς "Αἶδου*, his appearance before the judgment-seat of Minos, and his final and eternal banishment to an abyss below the foundations of Night.

The foregoing discussion may perhaps best be summarized by drawing up a tabular analysis of the *In Rufinum* like those which Struthers and Fargues provide for Claudian's panegyrics.<sup>30</sup>

The conclusions derived from the foregoing study are these:

(1) The *In Rufinum* as a whole is not to be regarded as a rhetorically patterned *ψόγος*, but rather as a brief historic epic containing a preponderance of vituperative material.

<sup>27</sup> *RG* 3.377.2–9, 421.1–3; cf. 2.13.3–5 (ps.-Hermogenes); 3.481.18–25 (Nicolaus).

<sup>28</sup> 1.89–91, 226–28, 251–56, 291–96, 2.513–15. Cf. note 25, above.

<sup>29</sup> *RG* 2.36.18 f. (Aphthonius); 3.377.28–30, 422.2 f. (Menander).

<sup>30</sup> Struthers, "Rhet. Str." 86; Fargues, *Claudian* 214.



## THE INVECTIVE IN RUFINUM

Elements Corresponding to the σχῆμα of the ψόγος	Other Elements
I. προοίμιον: 1.1-24	
II. γένος (lacking)	A. Fury Episode: 1.25-175
III. ἀνατροφή: 1.92-111 (part of Fury Episode) ἐπιτηδεύματα: 1.101-11	
IVa. πράξεις κατ' εἰρήνην : 1.176-258 (1) δικαιοσύνη: 1.176-82 (2) σωφροσύνη: 1.183-95 (3) φρόνησις : 1.196-219 (2a) σωφροσύνη: 1.220-29 (1a) δικαιοσύνη: 1.230-58	
V. σύγκρισις: 1.259-300	B. <i>Laus Stilichonis</i> : (1.259-300: see column at left)
IVb. πράξεις κατὰ πόλεμον: 1.301-31	
1.354-87	1.332-53
2.7-100	2.1-6
ἀνδρεία: 2.50-53	
2.130-70	2.101-29
ἀνδρεία: 2.130-40	
2.293-383	2.171-292
VI. ἐπίλογος: 2.454-527	C. Murder and Dismemberment of Rufinus: 2.384-453

(2) Claudian's treatment of this vituperative material displays the influence of the rhetorical pattern of the ψόγος.

(3) The interpretation of certain portions of the *In Rufinum* is aided by studying them with reference to the appropriate τόποι of the ψόγος pattern. This is particularly true of the passages above denoted as the ἀνατροφή, the πράξεις κατ' εἰρήνην, and the σύγκρισις.

It is hoped that these conclusions will be deemed both to be supported by and to justify the discussion upon which they depend.<sup>31</sup>

<sup>31</sup> It has been suggested that the present study is incomplete without a similar analysis of Claudian's other invective poem, the *In Eutropium*. A study of the *In Eutropium*, however, discloses no indication that its composition was influenced by the ψόγος pattern. That Claudian should have been guided by that pattern in one of his invectives and not in the other is scarcely remarkable in view of the great difference in the nature of the two works: cf. T. Birt, *Zwei Politische Satiren* (Marburg, 1888) 38; A. H. Weston, *Latin Satirical Writing Subsequent to Juvenal* (Lancaster, 1915) 117; Fargues, *Claudian* 231. Cf. also Fargues' edition of the *In Eutropium* (Paris, 1933) 2 f.