# AN ECHO OF HOMER IN PINDAR, PYTHIAN 4\*

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πεύθομαι γάρ νιν Πελίαν ἄθεμιν λευκαις πιθήσαντα φρασίν
άμετέρων ἀποσυλασαι βιαίως ἀρχεδικαν τοκέων·
τοί μ', ἐπεὶ πάμπρωτον είδον φέγγος, ὑπερφιάλου
άγεμόνος δείσαντες ὕβριν . . .
(Pyth. 4.109–12).

#### I. THE PROBLEM

These lines of Pindar have long intrigued scholars. One problem is especially puzzling: why in line 109 Pindar apparently echoes a line

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  - <sup>1</sup> The scholarly works important for this paper are:
  - I. T. Maguire, "On Some Passages in Pindar," Hermathena 3 (1879) 374-86.
  - II. J. P. Postgate, "Persius III.43," CR 3 (1889) 275.
  - III. H. Schultz, De Elocutionis Pindaricae Colore Epico (Diss., Göttingen 1905).
  - IV. F. Hartmann, "Λευκαι̂ς φρασί Pind. Pyth. 4.109," ZVS 60 (1933) 223.
  - V. W. B. Stanford, "Pelias and His Pallid Wits," Studies in Honour of Gilbert Norwood, Phoenix Suppl. Vol. 1 (Toronto 1952) 42-45.
  - VI. R. B. Onians, The Origins of European Thought (Cambridge 19542).
- VII. R. W. B. Burton, Pindar's Pythian Odes (Oxford 1962).
- VIII. G. Reiter, Der griechischen Bezeichnungen der Farben Weiss, Grau und Braun (Innsbruck 1962).
  - IX. C. M. Bowra, Pindar (Oxford 1964).
  - X. B. Forssman, Untersuchungen zur Sprache Pindars (Wiesbaden 1966).
  - XI. J. Duchemin, Pindare Pythiques (III, IX, IV, V) (Paris 1967).
- XII. E. Irwin, Colour Terms in Greek Poetry (Toronto 1974).

The following editions, which offer possible explanations of *leukai phrenes*, were consulted: Beck (1792), Heyne (1807), Boeckh (1821); Hermann (1827); Dissen (1830); Donaldson (1841); Cookesley (1850); Schneidewin (1865); Fennel (1879); Mezger (1880); Seymour (1882); Gildersleeve (1890<sup>2</sup>); Christ (1906); Sandys (1915); Schroeder (1922); Coppola (1931); Farnell (1932); Turyn (1948); Puech (1966). For full bibliographical information on these editions see D. E. Gerber, *A Bibliography of Pindar*, 1513–1966 (Cleveland 1969) or M. Rico, *Ensayo de Bibliografia Pindarica* (Madrid 1969).

of Homer which says of Agamemnon: ἀλλ' ἐπεὶ ἀασάμην φρεσὶ λευγαλέησι πιθήσας (Il. 9.119). Agreeing with scholars who consider this echo deliberate, this paper will offer a possible explanation for it.<sup>2</sup>

The suggested explanation is as follows. Pindar reminds his readers of the passage in Homer to point out a similarity in two situations. Agamemnon trusts *leugaleoi phrenes*; Pelias trusts *leukai phrenes*. Further, in these situations each man is influenced by what the Greeks regarded as an affliction: Agamemnon by *atê*, Pelias by *hybris*.

These were considered to be related afflictions but that is not to say that Agamemnon and Pelias are closely similar individuals. Though they love kerdos (see below) and can act violently, the two are in most respects conspicuously different both generally and in these two situations. When struck with atê, Agamemnon has phrenes that blacken. In contrast, under the influence of hybris, Pelias has phrenes that do not blacken. Neither atê nor hybris in itself has colour, nor, on present evidence, does either consistently cause a specific colour of phrenes. But in several passages phrenes themselves differ in colour. In the two passages discussed, the phrenes of Agamemnon and Pelias are dissimilar in colour, despite the similarity of atê and hybris, the two afflictions which affect them.

Both Pelias and Agamemnon "place trust" in their phrenes. Only in these two instances does this occur. No one does this in Hesiod, the lyric poets, Herodotus, Thucydides, Aristophanes, or the Greek tragedians. For this reason the parallel here seems conspicuous and therefore deliberate.<sup>3</sup> Since Homer was the best known of early poets and known almost by heart to literate Greeks, Pindar could expect them to catch even faint echoes—such as the implicit comparison here between the trusting of leugaleoi phrenes by Agamemnon and of leukai phrenes by Pelias.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The echo of Homer in Pindar has been frequently recognised: see, e.g., Hermann (1827); Donaldson (1841); Sandys (1915); Schroeder (1922); Farnell (1932); Stanford (note 1.V); Burton (note 1.VII); Forssman (note 1.XI); Irwin (note 1.XII).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pindar mentions Homer four times in his extant poems: Pyth. 4.277; Nem. 7.21; Is. 4.37; Paean 7b.11. For the influence of Homer upon Pindar see: E. Fitch, "Pindar and Homer," CP 19 (1924) 57-65; R. Mehmel, "Homer und die Griechen," A&A 4 (1954) 16-41.

But are Agamemnon and Pelias themselves alike because their *phrenes* are? Examination of elements in the two passages suggests otherwise.

First *leukai phrenes*. This expression of Pindar's is found nowhere else in the poets of the Archaic Age.<sup>4</sup> Nor does it occur in Herodotus, Thucydides, Aristophanes, or the Greek tragedians. No one mentions white *phrenes*, but "black *phrenes*" are well attested and may by contrast help reveal the nature of those that are white.

### II. BLACK PHRENES FROM HOMER TO PINDAR

Homer mentions black ( $\mu \acute{\epsilon} \lambda \alpha \iota \nu \alpha \iota$ ) phrenes in five passages.<sup>5</sup> These are covered around by  $\mathring{a}\chi os$ ; they are filled with  $\sigma \theta \acute{\epsilon} \nu os$  and  $\mathring{a}\lambda \kappa \acute{\eta}$ ,  $\theta \acute{a}\rho \sigma os$ , or  $\mu \acute{\epsilon} \nu os$ .

References to a black phrên are found also in Aeschylus and pseudo-Solon.<sup>6</sup> The chorus in the Persae say that their  $\mu\epsilon\lambda\alpha\gamma\chi'\iota\tau\omega\nu$   $\phi\rho\eta'\nu$  is "torn with fear" (115). Clytemnestra in the Eumenides is  $\kappa\epsilon\lambda\alpha\iota\nu'\delta\phi-\rho\omega\nu$ .<sup>7</sup> Finally, in a scolion assigned to Solon, although of a later date, a tongue speaks from a  $\mu\epsilon\lambda\alpha'\nu\alpha$ s  $\phi\rho\epsilon\nu'\delta$ s.<sup>8</sup>

What are *melainai phrenes*? First, *phrenes* themselves can be identified with the diaphragm, with the lungs, or, as in this paper, with "psychic organs." These last, situated generally in the chest region, are both locations of and participants in emotional, intellectual, and volitional activities.9

Second, what does the epithet "black" indicate? In the few passages

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Other instances of *leukos* in Pindar do not help to elucidate this passage since these are never associated with any psychic organ. See W. J. Slater, *Lexicon to Pindar* (Berlin 1969) s.v. and Stanford (note 1.V) 42.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Il. 1.103; 17.83; 17.499; 17.573; Od. 4.661.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> For a treatment of these passages see Irwin (note 1.XII) 152-53.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 459-60. Cf. also Ag. 546 and Choe. 158 where there is mention of an ἀμαυρᾶς φρένος. For black organs in Aeschylus see D. Sansone, Aeschylean Metaphors for Intellectual Activity (Wiesbaden 1975). See also F. Kudlien, "'Schwärzliche' Organe im frühgriechischen Denken," Medizin-historisches Journal 8 (1973) 53-58.

<sup>8</sup> Scol. Anon. 32.4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> For a discussion of *phrên*, see especially Onians (note 1.VI) 23-40; Irwin (note 1.XII) 148-51; and S. Ireland and F. Steel, " $\Phi \rho \acute{e} \nu \epsilon_S$  as an Anatomical Organ in the Works of Homer," Glotta 53 (1975) 183-94. I have treated *phrên* in two forthcoming articles, one in *Phronesis*, the other in *L'Antiquité classique*.

where *phrenes* are called "black," they appear to be in an unusual state. The Further in the five passages of Homer this unusual state involves a "filling" or "covering" of the *phrenes* by emotion. Grief, strength, courage, boldness, or rage fill the *phrenes*, which then blacken. Perhaps the blackening results from blood surging into the *phrenes*. "Black" thus describes *phrenes* in a special emotional condition.

### III. WHITE PHRENES IN PINDAR

Since the phrase *leukai phrenes* occurs only in *Pyth.* 4, such *phrenes* were probably unusual.<sup>12</sup> Unlike passages mentioning black *phrenes*, Pindar's omits any "filling" or "covering" of *phrenes* and also omits reference to emotions affecting them. Perhaps, then, in contrast to black *phrenes*, white *phrenes* are those unresponsive to emotions: no blood rushes in to darken them.<sup>13</sup> They remain anaemic and unresponsive.

Do unresponsive phrenes suit Pelias or is there another reason that

- <sup>10</sup> Cf. LfgrE s.v. ἀμφιμέλαιν(a), Irwin (note 1.XII) 136, and Sansone (note 7) 76-77. See also F. Combellack, "Agamemnon's Black Heart," GB 4 (1975) 81-87, who argues convincingly that "black" is not a stock epithet for phrenes but one chosen deliberately to describe phrenes affected by emotion.
- 11 Cf. Aesch. Persae II5–I6 (mentioned above) where phrên is blackened by fear. Note too that in Suppl. 785 kardia affected by fear is called  $\kappa \epsilon \lambda \alpha \iota \nu \delta \chi \rho \omega s$ . See Irwin (note I.XII) I38–51 and Sansone (note 7) 76–77. Irwin rightly rejects the view of Onians (note I.VI) 23–40, that melainai phrenes are simply normal and healthy phrenes, leukai unhealthy or abnormal phrenes. Both white and black phrenes appear to be in an unusual condition.
  - 12 See above, page 95.
- 13 This is Irwin's suggestion. Many explanations of leukai phrenes have been offered. The scholion to the passage suggests a contrast between these white phrenes that are "on the surface" and black phrenes in Homer that are deep within. Hesychius (followed by Photius and the Suda) gives what appear to be guesses:  $\mu \alpha \nu \delta \mu \epsilon \nu \alpha i$ ,  $\delta \alpha \mu \pi \rho \alpha i$ ,  $\delta \gamma \alpha \theta \alpha i$ ,  $\delta \gamma \mu \epsilon \rho \alpha i$ . None of these seems to fit Pelias' phrenes.
- Some modern interpretations are as follows:
  - 1. "Envious:" Hermann (1827); Dissen (1830); Gildersleeve (1890²); Sandys (1915) as one possibility.
  - 2. Connected with λύσσα: Fennell (1879); Mezger (1880); Sandys (1915) as one possibility; Boisacq (1950); Frisk (1960); P. Chantraine, DÉLG (Paris 1968) 633.
  - 3. "Fierce," "spirited" (θυμοειδής): Boeckh (1821); Donaldson (1841); Schultz (note 1.III).
  - 4. "Careless," "reckless:" Seymour (1882); Christ (1906).
  - 5. Related to λευγός: Coppola (1931); Farnell (1932).
  - 6. "Cowardly:" Bowra (note 1.IX).
  - 7. "Bad:" J. Palm, "Zu Pindar Ol. 1," Opuscula Atheniensia 4 (1962) 4-6.

his *phrenes* are white, such as age? Though white *phrenes* suit an aged Pelias (the "grey man"), <sup>14</sup> his *phrenes* have long been white: Jason was only a child when Pelias, trusting these *phrenes*, acted unjustly. <sup>15</sup>

Thus it must be the character of Pelias that gives him, in Pindar's view, white *phrenes*. He had such *phrenes* before and may still have them now. But all we can infer is that Pindar wishes to call attention to the anomalous white *phrenes* of Pelias and, by so doing, to suggest that these are somehow appropriate to him.

Details given in *Pythian 4* about Pelias suggest that *phrenes* unresponsive to emotion (= white *phrenes*) suit him. He was a coward in declining the challenge to bring back the *psychê* of Phemius.<sup>16</sup> Instead of disputing the kingship with Jason, Pelias sends him on the dangerous journey for the fleece, apparently hoping that Jason will perish in the attempt. Pelias' behaviour is cowardly.<sup>17</sup> He apparently does not respond to courage and boldness, two emotions that in Homer blacken *phrenes*.

But a problem arises with this interpretation of Pelias' white phrenes. While trusting these, he violently robbed  $(a\pi \sigma \sigma v\lambda a\sigma a)$   $\beta \iota a\iota \omega s$ ) Jason's parents. Is such a violent action compatible with phrenes which are unresponsive to emotions? In my view Pelias was capable of violent but unemotional action. His phrenes were unresponsive to emotion. They could calmly devise a plan for seizing power. In the phrenes were unresponsive to emotion.

<sup>14</sup> See Stanford (note 1.V) who connects the phrase leukai phrenes with a poetic image that he believes runs through Pythian 4, namely a contrast between the aged Pelias ( $\pi o \lambda \iota \acute{o}s$ : the "grey man") and the young Jason (See Pyth. 4.81, 82, and 87).

<sup>15</sup> Pyth. 4.109-12 (quoted on page 93).

<sup>16</sup> Pyth. 4.159-64.

<sup>17</sup> Leukos itself in the fifth century is found with the pejorative sense of "effeminate:" Arist. Thesm. 191; Eccles. 428; Frogs 1092; Eur. Bacch. 457–58. So too G. Méautis, Pindare le Dorien (Paris 1962) 236–37. But it is not clear whether leukos has this meaning earlier in the century. See Irwin (note 1.XII) 151. Bowra (note 1.IX) interprets leukos in Pindar as "cowardly."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The violent action of Pelias has apparently led some scholars to connect *leukos* with *lussa* (see note 13.2) or to equate it with  $\theta\nu\mu\omega\epsilon\iota\delta\dot{\eta}s$  (see note 13.3). This paper argues that *leukos* means "white," explaining the phrase *leukai phrenes* in light of its opposite, *melainai phrenes*.

<sup>19</sup> For the deliberative function of phrenes see my article, "Noos Precedes Phren in Greek Lyric Poetry," to appear in AC (1977). Note that Pelias has a pukinos thumos (73). This is the only instance in Homer, Hesiod, or the lyric poets where thumos is called pukinos. The epithet is apparently more apt of phrenes. There are 5 instances

Pelias trusted them. Hence the juxtaposition in Pindar of trusting white *phrenes* and of violent action.

So much, therefore, can be said about Pelias' white phrenes by contrasting them with black phrenes. Does Pythian 4 give further evidence about these phrenes of Pelias? Jason's speeches (109–19, 138–55) do. In his first speech (partly quoted above) Jason says that his parents feared the hybris of Pelias (111–12). Here Pelias has white phrenes and hybris.

In his second speech Jason says:

ἐντὶ μὲν θνατῶν φρένες ὠκύτεραι
κέρδος αἰνῆσαι πρὸ δίκας δόλιον τραχεῖαν ἑρπόντων πρὸς ἔπιβδαν ὅμως
ἀλλ' ἐμὲ χρὴ καὶ σὲ θεμισσαμένους ὀργὰς ὑφαίνειν λοιπὸν ὅλβον.
εἰδότι τοι ἐρέω· (139-42)

"Mortal phrenes are too quick to praise dolion kerdos at the expense of justice." The statement is general but refers specifically to Pelias:  $\epsilon i \delta \delta \tau \iota \tau \sigma \iota \epsilon \rho \epsilon \omega$ . Moreover, the details Jason gives about Pelias' activities fit well with this general statement about mortal phrenes. In the past Pelias was guilty of two things: injustice and excessive desire for wealth. He was athemis when he became king and he acquired much wealth (110, 148–50). But Jason sees a future based on justice, not on greed: he and Pelias are to "rule their orgas by the law of right"  $(\theta \epsilon \mu \iota \sigma \sigma a \mu \epsilon \nu \sigma s)$ , 141).

## IV. HYBRIS AND KERDOS

In his first speech Jason connects *hybris* and injustice; in his second, *kerdos* and injustice. In relating these terms Pindar echoes other early Greek poets. In Hesiod *hybris* is opposite to justice; Theognis and Bacchylides go further in saying that it destroys justice.<sup>20</sup>

In his second speech Jason connects dolion kerdos with injustice. He thus identifies the source of Pelias' evil actions: dolion kerdos. Both

of pukinai phrenes in these authors: Il. 14.294; H. Ven. 38, 243, Theognis 1388; Bacch. fr. 1.1 (singular). Pukinophron is found in H. Merc. 583 and Hes. fr. 253.1 (M-W); pukinothumos is not found. Even Pelias' thumos seems more intellectual than emotional, though he conceals fear there (96–97).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Hesiod, Erga 213, 217-18; Theognis 291-92; Bacch. 13.44. Cf. Arch. fr. 177 West where the hybris and dike of animals are called a care to Zeus.

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Simonides and Bacchylides say that *kerdos* can do violence.<sup>21</sup> In Pindar, shameful *kerdea* can deceive.<sup>22</sup> *Kerdos* can also cause the concealment of *aidôs*.<sup>23</sup>

But Pelias (if Jason does refer to him) appears to choose dolion kerdos. To be sure, in other passages Pindar reveals that he did not consider all kerdos evil but did believe that it could be dangerous.<sup>24</sup> In Pindar's view a measure of kerdea must be sought.<sup>25</sup> Kerdos is philtaton if bestowed willingly.<sup>26</sup>

The two speeches of Jason, therefore, by inter-relating the three elements of injustice, *hybris*, and *kerdos* may reveal more about Pelias' white *phrenes*. They are associated with overweening pride arising from an unjust greed for wealth.<sup>27</sup>

#### V. BANEFUL PHRENES

What of Agamemnon's *leugaleoi* ("baneful") *phrenes*? Trusting these, Agamemnon was carried away by *atê*: in anger with Achilles he stole Briseis, prompting Achilles to call the *phrenes* of Agamemnon *oloiai* (*Il.* 1.342).

Possible evidence on the colour of these *leugaleoi phrenes* is found in *Iliad* 1.102-04 where Homer describes Agamemnon's *phrenes* as he first became angry with Achilles:

ήρως Άτρεΐδης εὐρὺ κρείων Άγαμέμνων ἀχνύμενος· μένεος δὲ μέγα φρένες ἀμφὶ μέλαιναι πίπλαντ', ὄσσε δέ οἱ πυρὶ λαμπετόωντι ἐἴκτην·

- <sup>21</sup> Simonides 541.8–9 *PMG*; Bacch. fr. 1 (Snell-Maehler). Cf. also Pindar, *Nem.* 7.17–18 and *Pyth.* 3.54 where the relation of wisdom and *kerdos* is mentioned. In Hesiod, *Erga* 321–26, the danger of *olbos* seized  $\beta i\eta$  is described.
  - 22 Nem. 9.32-34.
- <sup>23</sup> Pyth. 1.92. Note that kerdos has the same effect as family enmity, namely the loss of a "sense of honour" (aidôs) which Jason tells Pelias they must avoid (145-46).
- <sup>24</sup> In *Pyth.* 8.13–14 and *Is.* 1.51 kerdos is positive. In *Nem.* 7.17–18 kerdos does not harm sophoi but in *Pyth.* 3.54, since sophia "is bound" to kerdos, it caused the downfall of Asclepius. See also notes 22 and 23.
- <sup>25</sup> Nem. 11.47. Compare Solon's distinction in his poem to the Muses between just and unjust wealth (fr. 13 West), although at the end of that poem he calls all kerdea dangerous.
- <sup>26</sup> Pyth. 8.13-14. On kerdos see also K. J. Dover, Greek Popular Morality in the Time of Plato and Aristotle (Oxford 1974) 170-75.
- <sup>27</sup> We can compare several other passages in the early Greek poets which describe the dangerous sequence: ploutos-koros-hybris-atê. Pelias "fattened his wealth" (ploutos, 150) and was guilty of hybris (110). See also below, notes 32-34.

His phrenes were black! It is these phrenes that Agamemnon refers to when he says in Iliad 9.119:  $d\lambda\lambda'$   $\epsilon \pi \epsilon l$   $da\sigma a\mu\eta\nu$   $d\rho\epsilon\sigma l$   $\lambda\epsilon\nu\gamma a\lambda\epsilon\eta\sigma l$   $\pi\iota\theta\dot{\eta}\sigma\alpha s.^{28}$  Here then, in this line echoed by Pindar, leugaleos does not mean "white," but rather describes phrenes which were already said in the earlier passage to be blackened with anger. Leugaleos then presumably refers to phrenes strongly influenced by emotion. Consequently leukos in Pindar's line echoes leugaleos in sound but not in sense since leugaleos refers to phrenes quite different from the leukai phrenes which are unresponsive to emotion.<sup>29</sup>

Nonetheless, though the *leugaleoi phrenes* of Agamemnon may be opposite in colour to those of Pelias, both men's *phrenes* appear to have in common an excessive attachment to *kerdos*. Achilles accuses Agamemnon of being mastered by greed, even describing him as *kerdaleophron* just before he takes Briseis.<sup>30</sup>

Besides the similarity in Agamemnon's and Pelias' eagerness for kerdos, I suggest that they are further alike in their related afflictions, Agamemnon stricken by atê, Pelias by hybris.

#### VI. ATE AND HYBRIS

In Pindar and his predecessors atê and hybris were closely related.<sup>31</sup> Hesiod says that hybris can lead to atê.<sup>32</sup> Solon agrees that men who pursue wealth because of hybris are struck with atê.<sup>33</sup> Causes of atê and hybris can be similar: koros or kerdos.<sup>34</sup>

- <sup>28</sup> Note that in *Il.* 19.137 Agamemnon says that he was overcome with *atê* and Zeus removed his *phrenes*: Achilles describes him in the same way in *Il.* 9.377. Perhaps the blackening of *phrenes* by emotion prevents their usual function. Cf. also *Il.* 16.805; Od. 15.233, 21.297, and 21.301–02 where *phrenes* are affected by *atê*.
- <sup>29</sup> See below for a possible explanation of why the echo in the epithet lies in the sound, not the sense.
- <sup>30</sup> Il. 1.149. See also Il. 1.149-71; 222-44; and 9.330-33. Kerdaleophron occurs only one other time in Homer, as an epithet for Odysseus in Il. 4.339. The epithet is not found in other writers of the Archaic Age nor in those of the fifth century.
- <sup>31</sup> On atê and hybris see: R. Hirzel, Themis, Dike und Verwandtes (Leipzig 1907); C. Del Grande, Hybris (Naples 1947); J. Stallmach, Ate (Göttingen 1950); R. D. Dawe, "Some Reflections on Ate and Hamartia," HSCP 72 (1968) 89–123.
  - 32 Erga 213-16. Cf. Aesch. Persae 821.
  - 33 Solon, fr. 13.11-13 West.
- <sup>34</sup> Koros: Solon, fr. 6.9–10 West; Theognis 153–54; Pindar, Ol. 1.55–58. Contrast Herod. 8.77 where koros is son of hybris. Kerdos: Solon, fr. 13.71–76 West. In Hesiod, Erga 352, evil kerdea equal atai. In Theognis 133–36 kerdos and atê are again found

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Sometimes phrenes are specifically involved in hybris and atê. Theognis relates aphrosynê (implying loss of function or malfunction of phrenes) to atê.<sup>35</sup> In Pindar, when Ixion has mainomenai phrenes, hybris drives him to atê.<sup>36</sup> Further, orthai phrenes can avert hybris.<sup>37</sup>

As Agamemnon expresses rage and fury with Achilles, he is carried away by atê.<sup>38</sup> Calchas fears that he will anger Agamemnon and does move him to rage, with blackened *phrenes* full of *menos*.<sup>39</sup> At this time too Agamemnon's *phrenes* are eager for *kerdos*.<sup>40</sup>

Pelias is guilty of *hybris*. Trusting his white *phrenes*, he deprives his brother of power with violence and maintains an unjust rule. His *phrenes* too are eager for *dolion kerdos*.

Pindar's echo of Homer places two individuals vividly before our eyes: Agamemnon and Pelias. Under a similar motivation (love of kerdos) and under similar afflictions (atê and hybris), each trusts his phrenes and acts with violence. But these phrenes themselves are different, Agamemnon's leugaleoi, Pelias' leukai. Thus Agamemnon rages with black phrenes; Pelias seizes power with white phrenes. The phrenes of Agamemnon are responsive to emotion; those of Pelias are not. When struck with atê, Agamemnon has phrenes that blacken; under the influence of hybris, Pelias' phrenes do not blacken. Though the afflictions are similar, the reactions are different. Pindar echoes Homer's line to note how alike Pelias and Agamemnon are in their trust of phrenes, in their afflictions (hybris and atê), and in their desire for kerdos, and yet how different individually.

together: the gods are responsible for both. Cf. also Theognis 227-32 where atê arises from prosperity.

<sup>35</sup> Theognis 230-31.

<sup>36</sup> Pyth. 2.25-29.

<sup>37</sup> Ol. 7.90–92. See also Theognis 1173–76 where gnômê in the phrenes is said to be stronger than hybris and koros. Phrenes are connected with atê in Soph. Ant. 622–24 and with hybris in Eur. Hipp. 473–74. There are also two passages in which  $d\tau\eta\rho\delta s$ , "blinded by atê," modifies phrên: Theognis 433; Soph. Tr. 264.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Il. 9.119; Il. 1.102-04.

<sup>39</sup> Il. 1.78; Il. 1.103.

<sup>40</sup> Il. 1.149. See note 30.