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**(In English)**

Reading and discussion of the English translation of the work by Thomas H. Corcoran (Seneca. *Natural Questions*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1971/1972 [2 Vols.] [Loeb Classical Library 450/457]) [under consideration of the new translation by Harry M. Hine (Seneca, *Natural Questions*, Chicago/London: University of Chicago Press, 2010)], including a philosophico-philological analysis of some selected Latin passages).

»Nature ... has separated some from the crowd, so that they might move as unique and conspicuous things«  
 (»*quaedam eduxit a turba, ut singular et conspicua procederent*«) (Quaest. nat. VII,5)



**Seneca as depicted on a third-century marble portrait bust.  
 Antikensammlung Berlin**

**Seneca the Younger, *Natural Questions (Quaestiones naturales)*****1. (17th April 2021)**

- A General Introduction
- Reading:
  - o Book I, Praef., 5
  - o Book I, Praef., 13-17

**2. (24th April 2021)**

- Seneca's Biography
- Reading:
  - o Book II, 32,1-4
  - o Book II, 34,2-4
  - o Book II, 35,1-2
  - o Book II, 36,1
  - o Book II, 37,2-3

**(1st May 2021– free)****3. (8th May 2021)**

- Seneca's Writings 1: Seneca's Works – Editions and Translations
- Reading:
  - o Book II, 38,1-4
  - o Book II, 41,1-2
  - o Book II, 42,1-3
  - o Book II, 34,1-2
  - o Book II, 44,1-2

**4. (15th May 2021)**

- Seneca's Writings 2: The ›Consolation‹-Books (c. 38-48 AD); *Apocolyctosis* (54 AD)
- Reading:
  - o Book II, 45,1-3
  - o Book II, 46,1
  - o Book II, 48,2
  - o Book II, 50,1
  - o Book II, 53,3

**5. (22nd May 2021)**

- Seneca's Writings 3: The Middle Period 1: *On Anger (De ira)* (c. 42-49 AD); *On the Firmness of the Wise (De constantia sapientis)* (c. 41-55 AD); *On the Briefness of Life (De brevitae vitae)* (c. 48-55 AD); *Peace of Mind (De tranquillitate animi)* (c. 51-54 AD)
- Reading:
  - o Book III, Praef., 7-8
  - o Book III, Praef. 10-18

**6. (29th May 2021)**

- Seneca's Writings 4: The Middle Period 2: *On Mercy (De clementia)* (c. 55-56 AD); *On the Happy Life (De vita beata)* (c. 55-62 AD); *On the Briefness of Life (De brevitae vitae)* (c. 48-55 AD); *On Benefits (De beneficiis)* (c. 56-62 AD) The Middle Period 2: *On Mercy (De clementia)* (c. 55-56 AD); *On the Happy Life (De vita beata)* (c. 55-62 AD); *On the Briefness of Life (De brevitae vitae)* (c. 48-55 AD); *On Benefits (De beneficiis)* (c. 56-62 AD)
- Reading:
  - o Book IV, Praef. 1-3
  - o Book IV, Praef. 20

**7. (5th June 2021)**

- Seneca's Writings 5: Late Works 1: *On Leisure (De otio)* (c. 62-63 AD); *On Providence (De providentia)* (c. 62-63 AD)
- Reading:
  - o Book V, 18,4-16
- 8. **(12th June 2021)**
  - Seneca's Writings 6: Late Works 2: *Natural Questions (Naturales quaestiones)* (c. 62-64 AD); *Letters on Ethics to Lucilius (Epistulae morales)* (c. 62-64 AD)
  - Reading:
    - o Book VI, 1,10-15
- 9. **(19th June 2021)**
  - Seneca's Writings 7: Tragedies
  - Reading:
    - o Book VI, 2,1
    - o Book VI, 2,6-7
    - o Book VI, 4,2
    - o Book VI, 7,1
- 10. **(26th June 2021)**
  - Seneca's Writings 8: Fragmentarily Extant resp. Lost Works
  - Reading:
    - o Book VI, 32,1-12
- 11. **(3rd July 2021)**
  - Seneca's Writings 9: Pseudoepigraphicals
  - Reading:
    - o Book VII, 1,1-5
    - o Book VII, 16,1-2
    - o Book VII, 27,4-6
    - o Book VII, 29-3
- 12. **(10th July 2021)**
  - Seneca's Influence on Western Culture 1
  - Reading:
    - o Book VII, 30,1-6
    - o Book VII, 31,1-3
    - o Book VII, 32,1-4
- 13. **(17th July 2021)**
  - Seneca's Influence on Western Culture 2
  - Recapitulation