

Ivanoe Privitera, POxy. 5482: un testo filosofico adespoto sulla natura sociale dell'uomo.

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P. Oxy. LXXXV, 5482 (= MP3 2614.2; LDAB 957490). Proposes a philosophical and literary contextualisation of an unknown text that compares the life of man in the city to that of the bee in the hive, bringing to mind the famous Aristotelian definition of man as a 'political animal'. The text is difficult to ascribe to one philosophical school rather than another, both owing to the exiguity of the preserved part and the presence of parallel passages about the social nature of man by authors of different philosophical backgrounds.

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