

Proposed Emblems of Ancient Epicureans

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Leontion



Proposed Emblems: Lion and Stylus (or Reed Pen)

[250px-Stylus.jpg](#)



Leontion's writing was commemorated in the Greek anthology, Planudean appendix #324:

ANONYMOUS: I, THE pencil, was silver when I came from the fire, but in thy hands I have become golden likewise. So, charming Leontion, hath Athena well gifted thee with supremacy in art, and Cypris [Aphrodite] with supremacy in beauty.

Cicero complains that Leontion took to writing a scroll against Theophrastus, successor to Aristotle, but revealingly reports that "she wrote well and in good Attic style". Our word 'style' comes from the Latin *stylus*, an instrument for writing in reusable wax tablets.

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