

Eudoxus of Cnidus was a large camel

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Maybe even the largest. Philodemus' *On the Stable Conduct of the Gods - Book I* (P.Herc. 26) mentions [Eudoxus of Cnidus](#) who he says wrote *On Solar Eclipses* (Περὶ Ἀφανισμῶν Ἡλιακῶν).

Then he says "...since, of his contradictory arguments, Diogenes said that Eudoxus (Εὐδοξον) was the largest (μέγιστον) camel (κάμηλον)." (col. 21) **"ἐπειδὴ τῶν ἀντιλογικῶν δ' Εὐδοξο[ν ὁ Διο]γένους κάμηλ[ο]ν μέγι[στο]ν ἔλεγεν"**

The only hint I have is that he quotes Eudoxus, who said "it is impossible to decide, if one hesitates (διστάσης) between two similar causes, whether this one or that is more responsible."

Do we have any ideas what this means? I suppose it could be a reference to being stubborn? This is another text I do not have in English (but there must be one).