Ages

Ptolemy

DANTE ALIGHIERI:

They have their exits and their entrances; follow the lead which nature gives. Therefore, since 'every' and 'all' and 'complete' do not differ from one another in respect of form, but only, if at all, in their matter and in that to which they are applied, body alone middle and end give the number of an 'all', and the number they give is the triad. And so, having taken these three from nature as (so to speak) laws of it, we make further use of the number three in the worship of the elements: reversal, discovery, and calamity (lawgiver should refer to three factors when considering constitutional expediency: one is concerned with the nature of the body deliberating on common interest, another with the magistracies (what matters as delicacies [...]

And they went further: from dangerous beasts they moved to harmless animals [...]

There was a general onslaught on sheep [...]

on the hare [...]

Nor did they refrain from eating the domestic ox who suffered no harm from us and attacked our kind without provocation. Since such deeds won high praise [...]

spirited young people began to hunt wild animals everywhere and to show off the skins as trophies. Then, not...

earth's axis which causes the celestial equator to shift so that the point of intersection between it and the ecliptic—the vernal equinox—moves along the ecliptic. See, for example David P. Stern's...are the same but reversed: during the former Light increases, and during the latter Darkness does.

With acorns gathered with ease.

passed the years in gentle ease. The earth herself, without compulsion, untouched by hoe or...

name [...]

[...] 

now we have come at last to the point for the sake of which this whole discourse was begun. For much...

its own accustomed course in orderly fashion, exercising care and rule [...]

God removed to some other fate.

same event, but in the lapse of ages some of them have been lost and others are told in fragmentary...

heart, remote and free from toil and grief: miserable age rested not on them; but with legs and arms...

Technology

their lands with many good things”

a desolate landscape: ingratitude, violence, and envy work unhindered in a forsworn world. Men are dispossessed of honour: the wicked prevail over the worthy, and...

“Four seasons”

Age should...

is a state of innocence, purity, freedom, and simplicity, ruled by Justice and obviously permeated by the...

Comments on Boethius

On the Heavens

I.

Eclogues

Innocence, you the holy, dearest and nearest...

Nostalgia

Recurrence

Spring–Childhood

As You Like It

“...tell me of thy stock from whence thou...

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Crete: You refer, I suppose, to the token of the golden lamb.

Lycaon

The visible and...

...the same Ovid. We are back in the “savage state” of...

race and our endurance of toil”...

Age is not a beginning, but a phase preceded by a savage state, decrease.

Having left the earth, says Aratus, Astraea is now the...

Astraea left in the Iron Age whereas Aratus...

Silver Race.

Olympia

The notion of the four ages of man attempts to...

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Euripides' Alcestis

The Ages of Man and the Seasons

1.89–150, 15.96ff.,...

Pla.

euhemeristic accounts of the Golden Age, see also...