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LAERTII DIOGENIS VITAE ET SENTENTIAE EORVM QVI IN PHILOSOPHIA PROBATI FVERVNT.

PHILOSOP HIAM a barbaris initia ſumpſiſſe plæri-
que autumant. Nanque apud perſas claruiſſe Magos:
Babyloniis ſiue aſſyriis eius rei principes fuiſſe Chal-
dæos:Gymnoſophiſtas Indis:Celtis ſeu Gallis Drui-
das : & qui Semnothei appellbãt᷑: qui ut ait Ariſtote
les in Magico & Sotion in uigeſimotertio ſucceſſióis
libro:ꝙ diuini humaniq; iuris peritiſſimi : ac præterea
religioni maxime deditι fuerunt:Sem
pellati ſunt:phænicem inſuper fuiſſe
ca Zamolxim: Libycumq; Atlantem.Ad hæc Egyptii Nili filiu
num:eumq; ipſum philoſophiæ aperuiſſe principia.porro ipſi
Sacerdotes ac prophetas appellari ſolitos. Ab hoc autem ad A
cedonum regem fluxiſſe annos quadraginta & octomilia octi
tatres.Quo toto tempore ſolis defectus contigiſſe trecentos
Lunæ autem octingentos trigintaduos.Enimuero a Magis qu
fuiſſe Zoroaſtrem perſen memoriæ proditum eſt.Hermodot
tonicus in libro de diſciplinis uſq; ad excidium Troiæ annos q
putat:Xanthus uero Lydius a Zoroaſtre uſq; ad Xerſis tranſitũ
merat annos.poſt eum autem Magos plurimos ſibi inuicem ſu
nas.Aſtropſychos:Gobryas atq; pazatas:donec ab Alexandro
ſarum regnum. Sed hi profecto dum neſciunt græcorum recte
Barbaris applicant.Ab iis nempe nõ ſolum philoſophia uerur
que hominum genus initio manauit.Deniq; Muſæo Athenæ:
tæ ſunt.Horum alterum Eumolpi filium aſſerunt primum deo
nẽ tradidiſſe ſph æramq; inueniſſe:& ex uno fieri atq; in idipſun
dixiſſe.Hunc phaleris obiiſſe diem ibiq; ſepultum eſſe:inſcript
lo Epigramma & genus illius & locum in quo ſepultus fuerit t

Eumolpi exanimem muſæum terra phalerum
Continet hoc tumulo pignora cara patris.

P orro muſæi pater Eumolpidis apud athenienſes cognomen
ro Mercurio:Muſaq; Vrania genitũ affirmant:ſcripſiſſe autem
onem:Solis itẽ & Lunæ curſus:aialiumq; ac fructuum generatio
Deniq; in primo ſtatim uerſu operis ſui initia rerũ altius repete
nata memorauit.Quem ſecutus Anaxagoras:& ipſe ſimul facta
eaq; mente accedẽte compoſita.Linum autem in Euboia occub
Apolline tranſfixum:Thæbiſq; ex urania muſa progenitum : ip
eius tumulo inciſum elogium indicio eſt.