

Examples of γε

αἱ μὲν τοίνυν ὀλιγαρχίαι καὶ δημοκρατίαι τὰς ἰσότητος τοῖς μετέχουσι τῶν πολιτειῶν ζητοῦσι, καὶ τοῦτ' εὐδοκιμεῖ παρ' αὐταῖς, ἣν μηδὲν ἕτερος ἑτέρου δύνηται πλέον ἔχειν· ὁ τοῖς πονηροῖς συμφέρον ἐστίν· αἱ δὲ μοναρχίαι πλεῖστον μὲν νέμουσι τῷ βελτίστῳ, δεύτερον δὲ τῷ μετ' ἐκεῖνον, τρίτον δὲ καὶ τέταρτον τοῖς ἄλλοις κατὰ τὸν αὐτὸν λόγον. καὶ ταῦτ' εἰ μὴ πανταχοῦ καθέστηκεν, ἀλλὰ τό γε βούλημα τῆς πολιτείας τοιοῦτόν ἐστιν.

Oligarchies and democracies aim for equality for those who are part of them. They approve of the idea that no man should be able to have any more than another. But this is beneficial to the worst people! Monarchies, on the other hand, give the most to the best, the next most to the next best, and the same to the one third and fourth in line and so on. Even if this doesn't happen everywhere, this is the aim of monarchy, anyway.

Isocrates Letters 3 (Nicocles) 15

Καλλίκλῆς: δοκεῖ οὖν σοι, ὦ Σώκρατες, καλῶς ἔχειν ἄνθρωπος ἐν πόλει οὕτως διακείμενος καὶ ἀδύνατος ὦν ἑαυτῷ βοηθεῖν;

Σωκράτης: εἰ ἐκεῖνό γε ἐν αὐτῷ ὑπάρχοι, ὦ Καλλίκλεις, ὃ σὺ πολλάκις ὡμολόγησας·

Do you think that a man who is in this situation in the situation and is unable to help himself is in a good position, Socrates? Well, I would say yes, if he only possessed that one quality which you have often agreed about.

Plato Gorgias 522c

τὰ δ' ἄλλα, ἔφην ἐγώ, ὦ Ἴσχομαχε, αὐτὸς ἐπαίδευσας τὴν γυναῖκα ὥστε ἰκανὴν εἶναι ὧν προσήκει ἐπιμελεῖσθαι; οὐ μὰ Δί', ἔφη ὁ Ἴσχομαχος, οὐ πρὶν γε καὶ ἔθυσα καὶ ηὐξάμην ἐμέ τε τυγχάνειν διδάσκοντα καὶ ἐκείνην μανθάνουσαν τὰ βέλτιστα ἀμφοτέροις ἡμῖν.

But in every other respect, Ischomachus, did you teach your wife yourself to be competent in her duties? No, certainly not, Socrates, not until I had prayed and made sacrifices, that I would teach and she would learn the best things for both of us.

Xenophon Economics 7.7

νὴ Δί', ἔφη ἡ γυνή, ἐπιχαριτώτατον μὲν οὖν, ἂν μέλλωσί γε οἱ καλῶς θεραπευθέντες χάριν εἶσεσθαι καὶ εὐνοότεροι ἢ πρόσθεν ἔσεσθαι.

By Zeus it will be most rewarding if those who are well looked after are grateful and better-disposed than they were before.

Xenophon Economics 7.37

καὶ ἦν τε κατὰ νόον πρήξωμεν εὐρόντες Σκύθας, ἔστι ἄποδος ἡμῖν, ἦν τε καὶ μὴ σφραγὸς εὐρεῖν δυνώμεθα, ἢ γε ἄποδος ἡμῖν ἀσφαλῆς.

And if we achieve our plan and find the Scythians, we will have an exit, while if we do not find them our exit-route will at least be protected.

Herodotus Histories 4.97

οἱ δ' ἀπεκρίναντο ὅτι “καὶ ὑμεῖς ἐπὶ τὴν ἡμετέραν χώραν ἔρχεσθε.” λέγειν ἐκέλευον οἱ στρατηγοὶ ὅτι “οὐ κακῶς γε ποιήσοντες, ἀλλὰ βασιλεῖ πολεμήσαντες ἀπερχόμεθα εἰς τὴν Ἑλλάδα, καὶ ἐπὶ θάλατταν βουλόμεθα ἀφικέσθαι.”

They answered "You are invading our country". And the generals ordered him to say "We are doing so not out of any wish to do you harm, instead we are coming into Greece to fight with the king and we want to reach the sea".

Xenophon Anabasis 4.8

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εἰ καὶ αὐτὸς Πρίαμος συνοίκεε Ἑλένη, ἀποδοῦναι ἂν αὐτὴν τοῖσι Ἀχαιοῖσι, μέλλοντά γε δὴ τῶν παρεόντων κακῶν ἀπαλλαγῆσεσθαι.

If Priam himself had lived with Helen he would have given her back to the Greeks, if we would have escaped from his current troubles.

Herodotus Histories 2.120

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