

Jerome, Against Jovinian

I. Ad Hominem Attacks

1. Against Jovinian's language [sections 1-3]
 - A. Barbarous language; vile character
 - B. Senselessness of language; lacking distinctions; unable to appreciate degrees of difference [2-3]
 - i. important for establishing hierarchies in heaven
mirroring or inverting hierarchies on earth
 - ii. necessary for intelligibility
2. Jovinian as snake, dragon, adversary
3. Polemics in military metaphors [6, 35]

II. Historicizes Paul's Argument to Invalidate Jovinian [7]

III. Virtues of Virginitly

1. Fruit rather than branch [3]
 - A. Image of sexual reproduction [of plants]
 - B. Each individual as end in herself, not as means to someone else
2. Example of Jesus as Virgin born of Virgin [8]
 - A. As way of imitating the savior, allowing heaven to appear on earth
 - B. As reversing Eve's reproduction of sin, undoing the Fall [15-16; 27]
3. Athletic Competition [12]
4. As Distinguishing from Beasts [39]

IV. Typology

1. Noah's Ark as type for the Church [17]
2. Leah and Rachel as types of the synagogue and the church [19]
3. Joshua as virgin as type of Christ [22]
4. Samson delimited as type of Christ [23]
5. Song of Songs as defense of virginitly [30]

V. Theophrastus [47]

1. Women complaining, unsatisfied
2. Threat of adultery
3. Disturbance to domestic peace rather than assistance
4. Begetting of ungrateful heirs