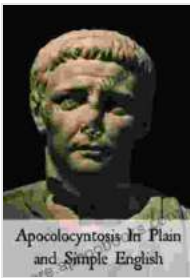


# Apocolocyntosis: A Satire on the Deification of Claudius

The *Apocolocyntosis* is a satirical work written by the Roman historian Seneca the Younger in the 1st century AD. The work mocks the deification of Emperor Claudius, who was divinized after his death in 54 AD.



## Apocolocyntosis In Plain and Simple English

**(Translated)** by Sydney René

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Language	: English
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The *Apocolocyntosis* is a hilarious and biting satire that takes aim at Claudius's physical appearance, his mental capacity, and his political incompetence. Seneca uses a variety of literary devices to create a vivid and memorable portrait of Claudius, including exaggeration, caricature, and irony.

The work is also a valuable historical document that provides insights into the political and cultural climate of ancient Rome. The *Apocolocyntosis*

shows us how the Romans viewed their emperors and how they reacted to the increasingly common practice of deification.

## **A Plain and Simple English Translation of the Apocolocyntosis**

The following is a plain and simple English translation of the *Apocolocyntosis*:



***“Claudius, the emperor, died. He was a bald-headed, fat, and gouty old man. He had been ill for a long time, and his death was not unexpected.***

***But Claudius was not an ordinary man. He was the emperor of Rome, and as such, he was deified after his death. This means that he was declared to be a god, and his image was placed in the temples.***

***The Apocolocyntosis is a satire on the deification of Claudius. The author, Seneca the Younger, mocks Claudius's physical appearance, his mental capacity, and his political incompetence.***

***The work is full of humor and irony. For example, Seneca describes Claudius as a "pumpkin-head" and a "buffoon." He also says that Claudius was so stupid that he could not even tell the difference between a horse and a cow.***

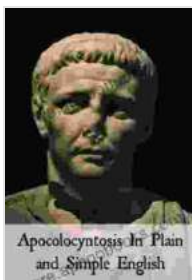
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## **Commentary**

The *Apocolocyntosis* is a complex and nuanced work that can be interpreted in many different ways. Here are a few of the most common interpretations:

- The *Apocolocyntosis* is a political satire that mocks the deification of Claudius. Seneca uses humor and irony to criticize Claudius's physical appearance, his mental capacity, and his political incompetence.
- The *Apocolocyntosis* is a historical document that provides insights into the political and cultural climate of ancient Rome. The work shows us how the Romans viewed their emperors and how they reacted to the increasingly common practice of deification.
- The *Apocolocyntosis* is a literary work that is full of humor and wit. Seneca uses a variety of literary devices to create a vivid and memorable portrait of Claudius.

The *Apocolocyntosis* is a fascinating and complex work that has been enjoyed by readers for centuries. It is a valuable historical document that provides insights into the political and cultural climate of ancient Rome. It is also a hilarious and biting satire that will make you laugh out loud.



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