

### Reviewers' opinions on the Domninus book:

In summary Dr. Dr. Riedlberger has produced a very scholarly, well-written and thoughtful treatise ... This work ... is now and will remain for a long time, in my opinion, the standard treatment (Peter G. Brown, *Göttinger Forum für Altertumswissenschaft*)

All in all, Riedlberger has provided us with a very complete and thorough basis for dealing with Domninus. The quality of his work is in general very good and it will also be of great use to those who wish to work on the teaching of elementary arithmetic in the philosophical schools of Late Antiquity. The book is beautifully produced and is a pleasure to see and to read (Dominic O'Meara, *Aestimatio*)

The level of scholarship in this book is very high. ... Riedlberger's book provides a well-argued reevaluation of Domninus as a mathematician and Platonic philosopher ... a valuable source for understanding the mathematical scholarship of the late-ancient period, particularly in Athens. (Nathan Sidoli, *SCIAMVS*)

From now onwards Riedlberger's "new Domninus" must be considered the only authoritative book on Domninus and his writing(s), as well as a reference book for the mathematical themes which Domninus (and others) dealt with. (Federico Petrucci, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*)

Die dazugehörigen Kommentare der edierten Texte sind sehr ausführlich, greifen sowohl philologische als auch mathematische Fragen auf und lassen kaum Wünsche offen (Pantelis Carelos, *Byzantinische Zeitschrift*)

R. est bien renseigné sur la transmission des textes dont il propose l'édition et met en évidence le fait que la recherche sur les mathématiques grecques peut largement profiter des résultats de la paléographie et codicologie grecques. (Rudolf Stefec, *Revue des Études Grecques*)

The current available space does not allow me to expand on the numerous merits of this book. [...] we are dealing with the best account on the works of Domninus we have [...] the standard edition on Domninus for many years to come. ... this book is exceptionally well-written, and, thus, very pleasantly readable (Michalis Sialaros, *Journal of Hellenic Studies*)

Peter Riedlberger's great achievement with the present volume is that he has made Domninus interesting, readable and relevant to both the history of ancient mathematics, and of ancient

philosophy, while at the same time not compromising on the quality of his scholarship. If only more editions of ancient scientific texts were like that. (Serafina Cuomo, *Nuncius*).

Dr. Dr. Riedlberger presents a complete and authoritative edition of the *Encheiridion* of Domninus which most probably will become the standard edition of these texts for many years to come. (Erman Gören, *Exemplaria Classica*).

schöne[r] und inhaltsreiche[r] Band (Filip Karfík, *Museum Helveticum*).

Per tutte queste ragioni l'opera di Riedlberger è e rimarrà per molto tempo assolutamente imprescindibile per lo studio dei testi di Domnino, nel loro contesto storico e nella storia del pensiero filosofico e matematico, più in genere nel fascinoso scenario della speculazione tardoantica (Lidia Palumbo, *Koinonia*).

[Orna Harari's review for *Mnemosyne* stands out among all other reviews as being the only hostile one. As probably all other authors ever criticized, I deem her criticism unfair. A case in point: "Specifically, he loads the terms 'Euclidean' and 'Nicomachean' with an evaluative significance, viewing the former as rigorous and the latter as loose, and takes for granted the outdated perception of late antiquity as an era of decline." But Euclid is indeed rigorous, as he proves all theorems step by step; and Nicomachus does indeed abstain from giving any proofs, which means that he is not rigorous; further, I absolutely do not think that Late Antiquity is an era of decline—I simply list the mathematical mistakes of Proclus, a philosopher who seems to be especially dear to Dr. Harari. There are great mathematicians in Late Antiquity, such as Eutocius, Pappus and (depending on your chronology) Diophantus; however, believing that *anyone* who did math in Late Antiquity automatically was a great mathematician is highly ideological and unhelpful. Further note that Dr. Harari claims that I misrepresent Serafina Cuomo and that Dominic O'Meara's account on Domninus is the one to follow. But in her own review of my book, Serafina Cuomo writes: "The little we know by way of biography has often been magnified and distorted by modern scholars – again, Riedlberger does an excellent job of tracking down things that we thought we knew about Domninus, and for which, in fact, we have no solid foundation in the evidence." And this is what Dominic O'Meara thinks about my interpretation: "However, the present monograph by Peter Riedlberger shows how ill-founded the received view is by means of a comprehensive presentation and detailed analysis of the evidence concerning Domninus. Riedlberger provides us here, I believe, with the most thorough and reliable examination of the subject as a whole."]

it is surely the best [Dominus edition] and has superseded all previous work (Heikki Solin, *Arctos*)

To sum up: carefully worded, well argued and, last but not least, beautifully edited, R.'s study provides an authoritative and valuable account of a nearly forgotten author (Joanna Komorowska, *Eos*)