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Who among us does not have rivals? Plutarch writes about it as easily as only great communicators do, and explains how to treat those who are not on our side. In "De capienda former inimicis utilitate": "How to profit by one's enemies," the great philosopher introduces his thought with irony but also with overwhelming logic, revealing an infallible system for winning in a confrontation with one's enemies. Rules conceived long ago, but which are relevant more than ever. A great help to improve our relationships with others.

THE AUTHOR

Plutarch was a writer and philosopher in ancient Greece.

He was born at Chaeronea, in Southern Greece sometime around AD, during the domination of the Roman Empire.

Later, he moved to Athens and began his studies in philosophy and mathematics. He travelled a lot, in Asia and then Rome, where, thanks to his prestige, he gained honorary positions which he held once back in Greece.

His works are numerous and they reveal his huge culture; Plutarch wrote about everything, driven by his curiosity and the desire to investigate human nature and the human mind from every angle.

His subjects, still incredibly relevant today, inspired famous authors such as Shakespeare, Alfieri and De Montaigne.

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Bogdan Liviu says

"So the man who knows that his enemy is his competitor in life and repute is more heedful of himself, and more circumspect about his action, and brings his life into a more thorough harmony. For it is a peculiar mark of vice, that we feel more ashamed of our faults before our enemies than before our friends"

Leon says

A very easy read with some very insightful ideas.

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It is amazing how something written in 1st century AD about friendship and enmity is still so factual! That said, the style is both convoluted and extremely detailed, so it can get a bit boring.

Amir Tesla says

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Evil hath this peculiar quality in it, that it dreads an enemy more than a friend.

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So he that hath no friend to give him advice and to reprove him in what he acts amiss must bear patiently the rebukes of an enemy, and thereby learn to amend errors of his ways.

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An exact government of the tongue is a strong evidence of a good mind.

Practice makes perfect

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Thus a man that praises his enemy for his real deserts shall himself obtain the more honor by it

Jacopo says

Ennesimo trattato di Plutarco tratto dai suoi 'Moralia'; questa volta viene affrontato il tema di come i nemici possono rivelarsi preziosi per la nostra crescita personale.

Breve, ma molto interessante.

Yann says

Un des mes préférés des œuvres morales de Plutarque.

Saeed says

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