

MACROBIO AND THE PHILOSOPHY: THE 'COMMENTARII IN SOMNIUM SCIPIONIS'

Macrobio's *Commentario* comprises two books where the author makes a detailed analysis of the *Somnium Scipionis*, featured in the sixth book of Cicero's *Repubblica*.

In this work, Cicero tells of Scipione Emiliano recalling a past dream about the apparition of his grandfather Scipione Africano who raises the eternal bliss of the divine providence against the superficiality of the human nature.

Inspired by the *Somnium Scipionis* Macrobio attempts to merge neoplatonic philosophy with Christian doctrine by applying the neoplatonic progression to the stoic tripartition of philosophy. By doing so, the commented citations evolve into ethic-physic-logic.

My study is based on this tripartition/progression method, examining Macrobio's work, his sources and his independent input.