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 Macrobius 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 Macrobius’s work, his sources and his independent input.