

If a country is good or bad depends on the land & its produce not as much on the people.

Athenes disguised tells him where he is

220 and caldrons, and the gold and all the fine woven clothing. There was nothing gone from all of this; but he in great sorrow crept over the beach of his own country beside the resounding sea, with much lamentation; but now Athene came near him, likening herself in form to a young man, a herdsman of sheep, a delicate boy, such as the children of kings are, and wearing a well-wrought shawl in a double fold over her shoulders.

225 Under her shining feet she had sandals, and in her hand carried a spear. Odysseus, in joy at the sight, came up to meet her, and spoke aloud to her and addressed her in winged words, saying: 'Dear friend, since you are the first I have met with in this country, I give you greeting. Do not cross me with evil purpose, but rescue these possessions and me. I make my prayer to you as to a god, and come to your dear knees as a suppliant. And tell me this and tell me truly, so that I may know it. What land is this, what neighborhood is it, what people live here? Is it some one of the sunny islands? Or is it some foreign land slanted out from the generous mainland into the salt sea?'

230 Then in turn the gray-eyed goddess Athene answered: 'You are some innocent, O stranger, or else you have come from far away if you ask about this land, for it is not so nameless as all that. There are indeed many who know it, whether among those who live toward the east and the sunrise, or those who live up and away toward the mist and darkness. See now, is land this is a rugged country and not for the driving of horses, but neither is it so unpleasant, though not widely shapely for there is abundant grain for bread grown here, it produces fertile wine, and there is always rain and the dew to make it fertile; it is good to feed goats and cattle; and timber is there of all sorts, and watering places good through the seasons; so that, stranger, the name of Ithaka has gone even to Troy, though they say that is very far from Achaian country.'

240 She spoke, and resonant great Odysseus was happy, rejoicing in the land of his fathers when Pallas Athene daughter of Zeus of the aegis told him the truth of it, and so he answered her again and addressed her in winged words; but he did not tell her the truth, but checked that word from the outset forever using to every advantage the mind that was in him: 'I heard the name of Ithaka when I was in wide Crete,

245 far away, across the sea; now I myself have come here with these goods that you see, but leaving as much again to my children. I have fled, an exile, because I killed the son of Idomeneus, Orsilochos, a man swift of foot, who in wide Crete surpassed all other mortal men for speed of his feet. I killed him because he tried to deprive me of all my share of the plunder from Troy, and for the sake of it my heart suffered many pains; the wars of men, hard crossing of the big waters; for I would not do his father favor, and serve as his henchman in the land of Troy, but I led others, of my own following. I lay in wait for him with a friend by the road, and struck him with the bronze-headed spear as he came back from the fields. There was a very dark night spread over all the sky, nor did anyone see me, nor did anyone know of it when I stripped the life from him. But then, when I had cut him down with the sharp bronze, I went at once to a ship, and supplicated the lordly Phoenician men, and gave them spoil, to stay their eagerness, and asked them to carry me and to set me down in Pylos or shining Elis where the Epeians are lords; but it happened that the force of the wind beat them away from those places, greatly against their will; it was not as if they wished to deceive me. So, driven off those courses, we came in here, by night, and rowed her hastily into the harbor, nor was there any thought in us of the evening meal, much though we wanted it, but all of us came off the ship as we were, and lay down; then, weary as I was, the sweetness of sleep came upon me, while they, taking all the possessions out of the hollow hull, set them ashore on the sand, and close to the place where I was lying, and they, embarking, went on their way to strongly settled Sidon; but I, grieving at the heart, was left behind here.'

250 So he spoke. The goddess, gray-eyed Athene, smiled on him, and stroked him with her hand, and took on the shape of a woman both beautiful and tall, and well versed in glorious handiworks, and spoke aloud to him and addressed him in winged words, saying: 'It would be a sharp one, and a stealthy one, who would ever get past you in any contriving; even if it were a god against you. You wretch, so devious, never weary of tricks, then you would not even in your own country give over your ways of deceiving and your thievish tales. They are near to you in your very nature. Water is baptizing places. lots of places to start your life over to not be forgiven out.

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He lies to her
* I cant fit anything else

let's & come + baptizing people crops + baptizing

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260 were he is oppo and his losses

265 NOT THAT UNBURDENED

land and things

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Mainland = generous/fertile/good sea is away from mainland

land -> 1st neighborhood people 2nd 3rd 4th

she is dominant because written first

* Not nameless -> people know about it

* Bread + wine -> life -> community

body