

The Wheel Of God

- Poem by Sophocles

In many a turning of the wheel of God
My fate revolves and changes all its mood;
E'en as the moon's face never keepeth still
For but two nights in one position fixed,
But from its hiding-place first comes as new,
With brightening face, and thenceforth waxeth full;
And when it gains its noblest phase of all,
Wanes off again, and comes to nothingness.

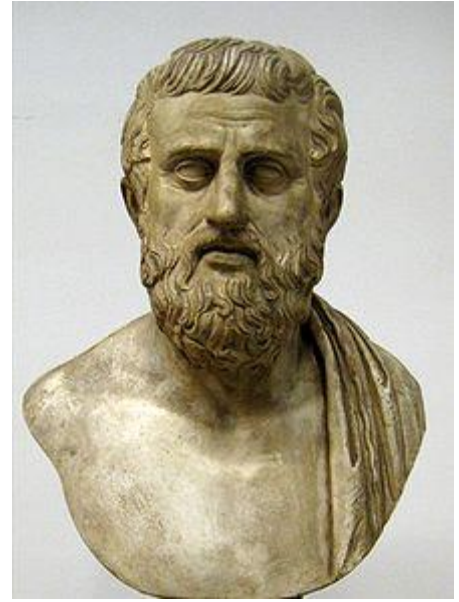
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Biography Research

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Sophocles



Early Life:

-497/496 BCE, Colonus, Attica;

-member of the rural deme (small community) of Hippeios Colonus in Attica;

-Was born into a wealthy family (his father was an armour manufacturer) and was highly educated;

Family Life

-Sophocles once lured a boy outside to have sex and afterwards the boy left with Sophocles' cape, while the boy's own cape was left with Sophocles'.

Works

-Among Sophocles' earliest innovations was the addition of a third actor, which further reduced the role of the chorus and created greater opportunity for character development and conflict between characters.
-Sophocles' work is also known for its deeper development of characters than earlier playwrights.

Interesting Facts:

Sophocles was the most celebrated playwright in the dramatic competitions

He competed in 30 competitions, won 24, and was never judged lower than second place.

End of life:

406/405 BCE (aged 90–92)
Athens