

the first speech against Catiline delivered in 63 B.C. in the temple of Jupiter Stator at Cicero's request. 63 B.C. is also the year of another failure by Catiline in a bid for consulship. Cicero is consul (and also a novus homo). Catiline is present for the speech (Catiline is a true Roman with lineage). Catiline has been left financially broke & as are his co-conspirators, which include senators + equites.

Catiline is accused of conspiring to kill certain senators (Cicero included) and set fires in the city to cause panic and take control.

Manlius, a representative of the Sullan veterans is preparing an army outside Rome in Etruria in support of Catiline.

Catiline's plans are exposed and the right thing to do would have been to admit exposure and go into self exile. His plans have caused the senate to be guarded, the Palatine Hill has a garrison placed on it and there is fear among the populus. Yet, his plans have been revealed (by the guile of Cicero) (Cicero was informed by a Crassus of his impending murder.)

'For how much long, Catiline, will you insist on testing our patience'

'We all know what you were up to that night.'

Anaphora with the word 'nihil' adds emphasis within the Exordium.

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(62 B.C. Catiline is defeated and dead
58-57 B.C. Cicero exiled (and returns to Rome) for the execution of some of the conspirators (Roman citizens) without due process.)

[Macdonald, 1977, Harvard University Press.
Dyck, 2014, Cambridge University Press.]

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What follows in 1.3-4 is a list of other individuals who have rocked the boat politically and have, justly so in Cicero's eyes, been murdered / executed (something which Cicero is calling for).

Scipio killing T. Gracchus because of his proposed agrarian land reform.
(Gracchus was ^{magister equites!} tribune of the plebs however so this was illegal).

Also, Anala killing? for selling corn on the cheap during 440 famine, which was seen as an act of rebellion.

C. Gracchus for

This shows Cicero's love of the status quo. Republic over individuals.

senatus consultum optimum - consuls receive the authority to act and convict.

The Republic + this way of politics is all Cicero has being *novus homo*.

SCU is repeatedly mentioned but Cicero seems to not want to take the responsibility.

Translation 1.19.

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in the hope of avoiding suspicion you went to seek custody, you went and wished to live with M. Lepidus. He would not receive you, and then you had the...

and asked if you could stay with me in my house. With the same response (as Lepidus) I gave you, ~~but~~ by no means can you stay with me. I were in danger living in the same city as you I would be in even greater danger residing within the same walls of a house with you. Then you went to the praetor Q. Metellum (and he said no)...

your brother-in-arms, a favourite man, M. Metellum

he would be a good custodian, diligent and with keen suspicion ... the most morally and by luck would cleanse you.