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Semantics and meaning of the term «superstitio» in the writings of Cicero

The article gives a detailed analysis of the views of Marcus Tullius Cicero on the religious life of society. Much attention is given to the context of use of the term «superstitio», because this term first appeared in his writings in the form nouns among Latin sources. Given the enormous authority of Cicero, which he had in educated circles of Roman society, it is important content that he invested in the term. It is reported that Cicero's use of the term «superstitio» in the sense of «superstition», «prejudice» and it associated with religion and belief in the existence of gods. Superstition is literally performed rituals, distorted prayer practices, immense adoration of nature, excessive fear of the gods, anxiety. Ignorance and lack of knowledge of the nature of things is the cause of superstition. Cicero gives a negative value superstition: superstitious people mentions among other unworthy people faint, women. In his work there are always logical chains such as deception – superstition – delusion, sorrow – suffering – despair – death – superstition. This term is used to refer to foreigner beliefs or the doctrine of competing philosophical school.

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(254–184 . . .),

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(Div. I.66; II.115)

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[8,c.135;9,c.16;10,c.127–128;11,c.175].

[7,c.78–

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(contaminata superstitione)
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(barbarae superstitioni)
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(Domo. 103).

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(castissimi sacerdotis),

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(anili superstitione).

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(deorum cultu pio) (Nat. deor. .117). «

(superstiti sibi essent),

(superstitiosi),

(relegerent), (religiosi) (relegere, elegantes
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