

Thence, for all these reasons I feel inclined to consider likely, that the *annales* of Nicomachus Flavianus did contain the description of Praetextatus' successful intervention. Eunapius then, working with his source, certainly happened on this description and used it in his own account, which could obviously have also benefited from his own acquaintance with the affair.

Summary

The paper deals with the origin of an episode recorded by Zosimus, in which the Emperor Valentinian I, following an intervention by Vettius Agorius Praetextatus, revoked his own constitution abolishing nocturnal sacrifices. The authorship of the episode is generally ascribed to Eunapius of Sardis, in the paper, however, the possibility is examined of the authorship of Nicomachus Flavianus through his unpreserved *annales*. The author finds this possibility acceptable, and hence he is further elaborating on the eventual consequences for our knowledge of these *annales*.

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