

THE GREAT SOLIPSIST: READING THE FIRST EMPEROR

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ABSTRACT

The question of the First Emperor's extraordinary achievements is posed by looking at a suggestion that emerges from a reading of the Terracotta Warriors as portraits of real warriors. The idea is that the Terracotta Warriors reveal a tight knit state-building cadre, whose honouring of the Emperor rested on his honouring them in return. This suggestion founders on the demonstrable implausibility of the portraiture premise. Instead, a reading is offered of the terracotta warriors and the great mausoleum in which they are placed to present the Emperor, his life and state-building policies, in terms of his solipsism.

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You, reading this: think, right now. No, just think. By thinking, you have confirmed Rene Descartes' immortal postulate — "I think, therefore I am" — and proved that you exist. Now, can you prove that anything else around you exists? Let's start with the digital screen upon which you are probably reading this treatise. Can you prove it exists? You might say, "I am seeing it, therefore it exists..." Solipsism was first proposed by a Greek philosopher, Gorgias, some time during the 400s or 300s BC. He stated, very simply: Nothing exists. I once received a letter from an eminent logician, Mrs. Christine Ladd-Franklin, saying that she was a solipsist, and was surprised that there were no others. The first Roman Emperor was Augustus, formerly known as Octavian before he donned the purple. Since you may not know who he was, I'll give you a brief biography of how he came to be emperor: He was born Gaius Octavius Thurinus on September 23, 63 B... He lived a normal life as an upper-class Roman aristocrat until his maternal great-uncle, Julius Caesar. (yes, that one) was assassinated by a group of

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senate conspirators called the Liberatores, led by Brutus. and Cassius. With his new title, wealth, and power, Augustus became the first emperor of the newfound Roman Empire on January 16, 27 B.C.

Augustus reigned fairly and just, while exercising firm rule when needed. He has my vote as the second best Roman Emperor, behind Marcus Aurelius. Ancient Origins articles related to First Emperor in the sections of history, archaeology, human origins, unexplained, artifacts, ancient places and myths and legends. (Page of tag First Emperor). Chinese archaeologists have found over 220 terracotta warriors in the Mausoleum of the First Emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang, adding to his enormous army of soldiers for the afterlife. The find is Read Later. Read more about 220 More Terracotta Warriors Found in Chinese Emperor's Tomb. Add new comment. 5 July, 2018 - 22:45 lizleafloor.

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