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Herophilos son of Athenaios

Ἡρόφιλος Ἀθηναίου

ID:	GED 06.04.906	Chronology:	About 100 BC	Greek designation/s:
Name:	Herophilos	Place of Origin:	Asia Minor Ionia Teos	Role/s:
Patronymic:	son of Athenaios			
Ethnic/demotic:	Teian (Τηϊός)			
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General info

Inscriptions

I.Samothrace Theoroi 10

Missions List

Teos to Samothrace, 1st c. BC

Mission date

100 BC 1 BC

Recipient

Samothrace

Sender

Teos

Envoy/Colleagues

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Commentary

Herophilos son of Athenaios, together with Neandros son of Neandros, was a man sent by Teos to probably as a *theoros* (*I.Samothrace Theoroi* 10, 31). No mention of eponymous officials is preserved on this stone. Even if his role as *theoros* is not made explicit in the part of the text that we can read today, the similarity with other texts about *theoroi* in the epigraphic *corpus* of Samothrace is compelling. Herophilos and Neandros were not the only ones to perform their sacred mission in Samothrace that same year: alongside them, *theoroi* from Colophon, Cyme, Priene, and from the association of *technitai* of Ionia and Hellespont were commemorated. The chronology of *I.Samothrace* 10 col. 3 depends mainly on palaeography. N. Dimitrova thinks that this block may be the continuation of *I.Samothrace* 1 and be dated to the 2nd c. BC for its similarity to the lettering of *I.Samothrace* 26.



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Actually, many letters show dissimilar shapes from those of *I.Samothrace* 26: see *sigmas* with perfectly parallel horizontal strokes, symmetrical *pis*, absence of smaller circular letters, etc. A bit later chronology seems more satisfying (Aneziri 2003, 395). If the close proximity between the only Priene *theoros* and those from the *technitai* on the stone depended on the fact that they came together from the same place, *i.e.* Priene, the chronology could be narrowed down to the time around the battle of Actium, when Marc Antony assigned Priene to the *technitai* as their seat (Plut. Ant. 57, 1), a situation clearly not destined to endure. See about this Le Guen 2001 II, 34. Both Herophilos and Athenaios are quite common names in Teos, but no connection can be established between this envoy and other people.

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