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### **Exploration of the Pythagorean Golden Verses**

With regard to the documented and verified reception of Pythagoras “Golden Verses” (which is composed of 71 verses in three typed pages) according to the commentary of Hierocles in the medieval Arabic literature under “Chrysa Epe” (with 14 paragraphs in three pages) which is classified as the wise ethical sayings, in a comparative way the order and function of different verses or parts in pertinent resources will be explored.

Accordingly here we will consider analogically the available Golden verses of Pythagoras and its short commentary by Hierocles and at the same time its Arabic version in Miskawaih *Jawidan Khiradh* in eleventh century as a chief ethical philosopher who writes an encyclopedia about the various versions of wisdom in different but then available main cultures.

Apart from the verse and saying formats of the two mentioned texts, their general spirit is homogeneous. Besides, the organization and ordering of the verses and sayings are very similar as both begin from a hierarchy of gods from up to down then to practical communal virtues and at the end to theoretical divine virtues. Interestingly, although in both texts “way of life” is at the practical or communal part but at the same time it is at the center of both writings. It seems that this ordering has a specific logic and this paper will try to explore its rationale.

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