



[14.ix.16 PS to this note of October 2012, before the Marciana had done the 'digitising' photography of the Venetus T ms. for me and for Cufalo :]

08.x.12. Cautions to the reader. To compare: the SUDA lexicon's analysis of the root word "ΑΙQE" and its branches in which the "AI-" prefix remains. We have evidence, some of it hard (as in epigraphic-hard) from before the time of Plato's writing *Symp.* and *Phdr.* (around Olymp. 104-106).

The specimens of the separate word "AI" unearthed in the Verdalis excavations published recently [ARXAIOLOGIKH EFEMERIS, 1975, from the sanctuary at Tiryns give valuable hard evidence of the SUDA's point. This word, with the optative mood of the verbs associated, represent future expectations. Which are (like discourse about future sea-battles) "inherently uncertain". [PS, continued: I recall the date of the epigraphic evidences to have been around 500 BCE, and to have included both a Digamma character and a pre-classical form of the Heracleian 'H', which included 3 horizontal lines within itself, like a

complicated 2-chambered 'box', with nails all around its 2 enclosed chambers, thus : Η For a man of Plato's uncle Critias's grand-parental generation, it would have been only a day's trip (to Tiryns) to witness