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τὸ μέτρον ἐφαρμόζειν τὸ προσῆκον τοῖς λόγοις  
καὶ τοσοῦτον αὐτοῖς ἐνδιδόναι φερομένοις,  
ὅποσον εἰς τὴν προκειμένην συντελεῖν δύναται θεωρίαν.

*(In Tim. III 151.13-16)*

καὶ ὅλως τοῦτο καὶ μέγιστόν ἐστι τῆς ἐπιστήμης ἔργον,  
τὸ τὰς μεσότητας καὶ τὰς προόδους τῶν ὄντων λεπτοργεῖν.

*(In Tim. III 153.13-15)*

...ὁ Τίμαιος, οὐ μύθους πλάττων...  
*Theol. Plat. V 36 133.11*

In memory of opa Bob



## PREFACE

Proclus is not a good writer. And I often doubt that he is a good philosopher. Thanks, however, to patience that to some extent was an obligation, because the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) was kind enough to pay me for studying his work, and thanks also to many forms of inspiration that had nothing to do with money, I found that the gritty and unwelcoming surface of Proclus' writings is actually one of several faces of an enormous solid that is visible only from the inside.

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