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Nonnosos

early 6th century. Byzantium. Author of a history of his own embassy on behalf of Justinian I. The text contained the adventures of Nonnosos in Ethiopia and central and southern Arabia during a diplomatic mission on which he was charged to bring to Constantinople a certain Qays, ruler of Kinda; he subsequently journeyed to Axum. Arabian religion, elephants, and pygmies were some of the themes of his text. The text is completely lost, and the only information about the narrative is preserved in Photios (*Bib-*

liotheca, cod. 3), whose verdict was that Nonnosos was mainly concerned to emphasize his own courage. Manuscripts: Venice, BNM, cod. gr. 450 (10th century) and 451 (12th century).

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