

## PICTORIAL-VISUAL SIMBOLICS IN SELECTED ILLUSTRATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS IN PHENOMENA OF ARATUS

After pointing to a short two-part introduction, the didactic of the poems is determined, and then, by titles, it points to the parts of the book. At the center of our attention is the aesthetically appealing visual symbolism in several selected illustrative contributions of the *Aratus Phenomena*, with the consideration of masterly conjured up cosmic entities: sun rays, crescents, multi-pointed stars, and some constellations, as well as spirally twisted snakes, vine's branches with grapes, with comparison with similar symbolic-visual phenomena in Serbian medieval coins (dinar of King Milutin, from the collection of Sergije Dimitrijević). In addition, attention is drawn to Greek-Roman heroes, mythological characters and phenomenas in numismatics.

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