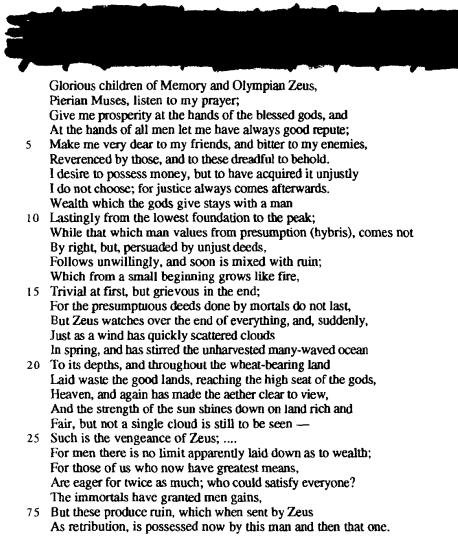
3.6 Greed and Injustice in Attica

### Solon 13, lines 1-25, 71-76



# 3.12 Solon's View of his Achievements

[Aristotle] Athenaion Politeia 12.3-5 (Solon 34, 36, 37)



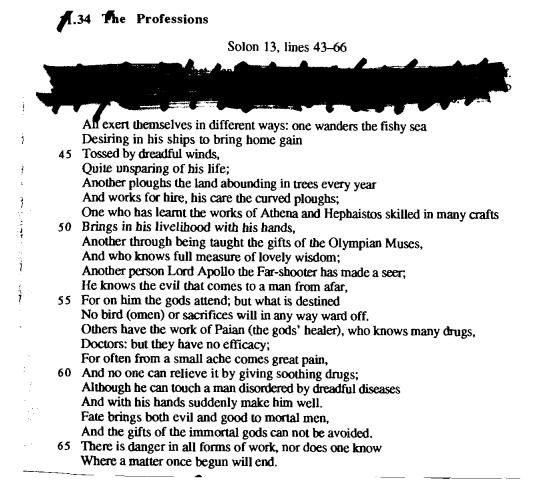
12.3 Again he speaks elsewhere concerning those who wanted the land to be redistributed (F34):

'Those who came for plunder had rich hope,
Each of them expecting to find great prosperity,
And that, despite smooth words, I would show an intransigent mind.
Then they contrived vainly, and angry with me
5 All looked at me askance as at an enemy.
It is not right. For what I said, I achieved with the gods' help,
But did nothing in vain, nor with the force of tyranny
Did I choose to act, nor that the rich earth
Of our native land should equally be shared by base and good.'

# 3.14 Land as the Source of Political Power

Aristotle Politics 1266b14-24 (II, vii)

Accordingly the equality of property has some effect on the political community, and some men of former times seem to have discerned this, such as Solon in his legislation, while other places have a law which prevents people obtaining as much land as they wish, and similarly laws prevent the sale of property, like that at Locri forbidding you to sell property unless you can show that an obvious misfortune has taken place, as well as those which preserve ancient estates (this was repealed at Leukas and made their constitution over democratic; for it was no longer possible to appoint officials from the specified property-classes).



#### **EPILOGUE**

#### 13.93 The Ten Ages of Man

Solon 27

The youthful boy loses the first row of teeth He grew while a baby in seven years; When and has completed the next seven years for hi

When god has completed the next seven years for him He †shows† the signs that his youthful prime is on its way;

- 5 In the third seven, while his limbs are still growing His chin grows downy with the bloom of changing skin. In the fourth seven every man is at his best In strength, when men give proof of valour. In the fifth it is time for a man to think of marriage,
- 10 And seek a family of children to come after him.In the sixth a man's mind is now disciplined in everything,And he no longer wishes to do reckless deeds.In the seventh he is now at his best in mind and tongue,And in the eighth, that is fourteen years in total.
- 15 In the ninth he is still able, but less powerful than before In both his speech and wisdom in matters of great prowess. And if anyone comes to complete the tenth in full measure, He will not meet the fate of death unseasonably.