

A UNIQUE CHRISTIAN EPITAPH FROM THE UPPER TEMBRIS VALLEY

In museum at Afyonkarahisar in west-central Anatolia; said to be from Abiye Köy (now Pınarcık Köy), Altıntaş, Kütahya, and to have entered the museum in 1963. White marble *stele* with top in the form of a rounded pediment with an akroterion to either side of it; the left akroterion and a portion of the left side of the *stele* are broken off. In the “pediment” is a cross. The surface of the lowest portion of the *stele* and of the tenon is left rough: evidently all this was to be inserted into a base or into the ground. Height including tenon 0.83 m.; width 0.535 m.; thickness 0.07 m.; letter height 0.022–0.058 m.

FIRST TEXT

Cross

A(ὐ)ρ(ηλίου)?

*Μνήμα Ἀβ-
ασκάντο-
υ β...αν.(.)
..(.)ι...ος εἶ τι-
5 c εἰπιβουλε-
ύκι εἶ[[c]] τη αὐ-
τοῦ πὸ[[c]] τῶν
παντωκράτ-
ωρα θεόν.*

SECOND TEXT

Cross

A(ὐ)ρ(ηλίου)

*Μνήμα Εὐστ-
αθιαν-
οῦ μακελάρει-
ως κέ εἶ τι-
5 c εἰπιβουλε-
ύκι εἶ[[c]] τη αὐ-
τοῦ πὸ[[c]] τῶν
παντωκράτ-
ωρα θεόν.*

The two inscriptions appear to have been carved by the same