

CAPInv. 833: **hoi thiasitai**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Caria
iii. Site	Herakleia-on-the-Latmos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ θιασίται (<i>BE</i> 1954: no. 52, line 2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi thiasitai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	300 (?) BC - 200 (?) AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	See below X.iii; the term <i>thiasos</i> here, as often, refers to a cultic group.
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	<i>BE</i> 1954: no. 52 (ca. 300-200 BC?).
Note	Cf. also <i>SEG</i> 13, 496; <i>BE</i> 1954: no. 52.
Online Resources	Herakleia Latmia 15
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedication. Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Stone slab.

ii. Source(s) provenance	Pınarcık.
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VII. ORGANIZATION

i. Founder(s)	Νέστωρ, <i>Nestor?</i> (line 2) Before the <i>thiasitai</i> , there is a mention of an individual called Nestor (father's name missing), perhaps the leader or founder of the cult-group. Alternatively, he may simply have been someone taking the initiative to set up the dedication.
Gender	Male

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	Dedication to Egyptian gods, which the <i>thiasitai</i> worshipped.
Deities worshipped	Sarapis, Isis and Anubis.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	Whether this was a durable or <i>ad hoc</i> cultic group remains unclear from the small evidence available. It was certainly private, but perhaps not a full-fledged association.