VIRGIL was a Latin poet who flourished in Rome in the C1st BC during the reign of the Emperor Augustus. His works include the *Aeneid*, an twelve book epic describing the founding of Latium by the Trojan hero Aeneas, and two pastoral poems - the *Eclogues* and *Georgics*.


*Aeneid* 6.791-7

Here is Caesar and all the seed of Iulus destined to pass under heaven’s spacious sphere. And this in truth is he whom you so often hear promised you, Augustus Caesar, son of a god, who will again establish a golden age in Latium amid fields once ruled by Saturn; he will advance his empire beyond the Garamants and Indians to a land which lies beyond our stars, beyond the path of year and sun, where sky-bearing Atlas wheels on his shoulders the blazing star-studded sphere. Against his coming both Caspian realms and the Maeotic land even now shudder at the oracles of their gods, and the mouths of sevenfold Nile quiver in alarm.

*Aeneid* 8.1-369 (see link on course web page)