

**Abstract:** In this article, we intended to emphasize, on the basis of a corpus of idiomatic expressions, several of the behavioral features of the Roman person, as well as certain mental attitudes in response to the fundamental experiences of human life (destiny, love, happiness, the religious feeling, death, bad luck). The source of information is a series of representative idioms, as it is known (and, at the same time, proved by the various trends of modern linguistics), that this type of idiomatic structures mirror, by means of the relationship between the meaning and their internal structure, the view of the speakers regarding the surrounding universe. What drew our attention in a special way are the particular attitudes of the Roman towards fundamental experiences such as: death, friendship, the relationship they had with the deity and fate. This way, we noticed the complexity of the gammut of feelings that enlivened the Romans. The corroboration of this research's conclusions with other sources enabled us to confirm that latin idioms constitute a valid source of information with regard to Roman mentality.

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