

**Abstract:** The invective against Piso constitutes one of the most important *post-reditum* speeches of Marcus Tullius Cicero. On his return from exile the former consul delivers a speech wishing to verbally express his “gratitude” to all those who either by means of their blissful actions have actively taken part in his banishment or merely by their silence have been accomplices in it. Piso was one of them and Cicero, in his invective, attempts by almost every possible means to destroy any remaining credibility of Piso. In order to do so the orator exploits all kinds of opportunities even those given by certain odour associations.

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