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The inscription in memory of the deified Trajan and Plotina: new issues and perspectives

When the Trajan's Column, originally dedicated as commemorative monument, became also a tomb, receiving the ashes of Trajan and probably of his wife Plotina, was it re-dedicated as a funerary monument? A new fragment of a monumental inscription, until now always considered as the dedication of the temple of the deified Trajan and Plotina, re-opens the question, and involves other, interesting issues related to original aspect and position of the inscribed monument.