

June 22nd, 2022 Epicurean Zoom Gathering

Post by “Kalosyni” of June 23, 2022 at 8:12 AM

Thank you [Don](#) for your translation of the PD last night, I don't know if we have your translation on the forum somewhere?

What sticks in my mind is the importance of the phrase "if they taught the limits of desires [and of pains]..." (they being the pleasures of the profligate).

That bit about pains in brackets is not in every translation above, which I find interesting.

Also this morning I was reflecting on how the idea of the limits of desires is very different from the idea within [Zen Buddhism that desires are inexhaustible](#). It is almost as if this Epicurean principle is a quick and reasonable short-cut to liberation -- no long hours of meditation are required. But yet what is required is some contemplation, and I still intend to study and "sit" with this (in a contemplative sense) till I get to fully understand what the "limits of desire" are (and may post more on that soon).