

# Natural Wealth and Natural Goods in Epicureanism

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If we conclude that Philodemus / Metrodorus in fact says what is summarized here, this bears on many of our recent discussions.

## Quote

On the other hand, Metrodorus maintains that a peaceful and happy life is obtained not by avoiding all toils and efforts but by opting for things that may involve a certain amount of trouble at present but relieve us of much greater concerns in the future. Wealth is such a thing, as are health and friendship. Although its possession and administration doubtless requires thought and labor, it is better to have it than not, for its presence allows the virtuous man to live pleasantly, whereas its absence is responsible for deprivation and distress.