

Imagery On The Interplay Between "Pursue Pleasure" and 'Avoid Pain"

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Symmetresis" is the word I prefer to use in the place of "hedonic calculus."

That post cries out for explanation, Nate! 😊

ΣΥΜΜΕΤΡΗΣΙΣ - συµµέτρησις - symmétrēsis - Epicurus uses the word as συµμετρήσει (*symmetrēsei*) when describing "measuring things side by side and looking at both the advantages and disadvantages" (*Ep. Men.*)

In Epicurus' *Epistle To Herodotus*, he uses several inflections of the word to refer to the process of arriving at correct judgments about sensation: *σύµμετρον* (47, 50), *σύµμετροι* (54), *συµμετρότερον*; and then several more times in his *Epistle To Pythocles*: (91), *συµμετρίας* (107), *συµμέτρως* (110), *συµμέτρως* (111), *συµμετρήσει* (130).