

Quotes from Karl Krohn's dissertation "Der Epikureer Hermarchos"

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The next citation is to Philodemus On Anger, pherc. 182, col. 43, lines 16-23:

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..., ὥστε καὶ τοῦτον

ἀσθενῆ ποιεῖν, οὐ παρενο-

χλήσει, καθάπερ ἐν[ί]οις, οἱ

πάνδεινον ἠγήσαντο, ταῖς

20 Κυρίαις Δόξαις ἀντιγρά-

φοντες, εἰ τετόλμηκέ τις

ἐν ἀσθενείαι λέγειν ὀργὴν

καὶ χάριτα καὶ πᾶν τὸ τοι-

οὔτον,...

people, (sc. namely, their) putting a halt to someone's actions and getting vengeance on him—not even if we should call it [rage].²⁰²

[14] But [saying that anger is] a [weakness] and applying it to the wise man, so as to make him weak too, will not trouble us, as it does some,²⁰³ who, writing against the *Kyriai Doxai*, thought it was outrageous that someone²⁰⁴ had dared to say that "anger, gratitude, and all that sort of thing are in weakness," [25] since Alexander, by far the strongest of all, was liable to frequent fits of anger and conferred favors on countless men. For it is not the weakness opposite to the (strength) of athletes and kings that is meant²⁰⁵ in his (sc. Epicurus's) argument, but the constitution and nature that is capable of death and pains, [35] which Alexander, one would suppose, and every human being in general share,²⁰⁶ although they most of all (sc. athletes and kings)