

Discussion on Philodemus Fragments

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On the topic of *adding* something that is not there, there is another problem of *removing* what is there. This is my reservation regarding the scroll project -- they have already admitted that they do not care about Epicurean texts -- given this, will they even provide us, the public, all that *is* found? What if Philodemus says something that offends them? It is not written in stone -- so they *could* just brush away whatever they want. They are the providers of our gold plates and they can bowdlerize as they wish.

[Quote from Kalosyni](#)

On the Stoics (PHerc. [155](#), [339](#))

On a much lighter note, looking at the list [Kalosyni](#) shared, I realized I had never looked at *On the Stoics* -- and, now having seen it, I can also see why this has not found eager publishers. Philodemus points out the influence, which everyone admits, of Diogenes of Sinope upon Zeno of Citium. This allows him to point to the sordid details of the Cynics as the origins of Stoicism. The description of the Cynic lifestyle -- which Philodemus introduces with some apologies and a promise to move past quickly -- would be out of bounds for some times/cultures.