

Discussion on Philodemus Fragments

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And this:

Quote

When we deal with texts belonging to the Herculaneum papyri collection, we usually move from passages which are better preserved to those that are least well preserved. However, it has seemed best for systematic reasons to begin several chapters at or near the beginning of the extant texts that they discuss, although beginnings are typically more damaged than the columns that follow. When I proceed in this manner, I try to remain aware of the highly conjectural parts and, if possible, I interpret them in the light of better-known passages. Finally, my discussion of extremely fragmentary works—for instance, *On Flattery*—is informed by my understanding of texts which are in better shape and preferably belong to the same ensemble: for example, several continuous columns of *On Arrogance*. Even so, I should stress once more the tentative character of such interpretations.