

Discussion on Philodemus Fragments

Post by “Don” of February 19, 2024 at 8:56 AM

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Nonetheless, numerous editions of Philodemus' works, especially early ones, are unreliable.

I believe she's referring to one's from the 1800's and early 1900's. There's quite a few on Internet Archive.

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Many were not based on a reading of the papyri themselves, but rather on the *disegni*, which are frequently wrong, and this led editors to be bolder about changing the texts presented in these copies, filling in gaps, and interpreting the results than they might have been had they read the papyri instead.

And this is exactly why those digitized papyri online are SO valuable. We all have access unimagined by earlier authors/scholars right at our fingertips.