

On Nature, Book 28

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[Quote from Don](#)

Maybe your revisitation will spur me to try digging into it.

A result much to be desired!

I think that we've made some progress in bringing out the importance of the "logical sparring" between Epicureans and the Stoics/Platonists, but there's much more to do. Philodemus' "On Signs" is an important part of what remains so we can dig further into the canonics.

The caution I think anyone tackling this needs to remember is that the authorities seem to agree that the opening material that survives is not discussing the Epicurean viewpoint but the Stoic viewpoint, so if you don't know from the beginning which is which, then it can be super confusing to figure out what is arguing for and what is being arguing against.

And you have the central issue "contraposition" which needs an explanation before you can get very far as well.

But there's a lot of good background in Sedley's articles and in the appendices to the DeLacy book "On Methods of Inference" (even though they don't always agree with each other).