

Who are capable of figuring the problem out

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In Norman DeWitt's *Epicurus and His Philosophy*, I found this interesting quote. This is in Chapter XIV: The New Virtues, in the section on **Hope**. DeWitt quotes Vatican Saying 33.

"The cry of the flesh is not to hunger, not to thirst, not to suffer cold, because, possessing these and expecting to possess them, a man may vie with Zeus himself in respect of happiness."

Then while discussing how hope is 'confident expectation', DeWitt cites this quote:

*"The stable condition of **well-being** in the flesh and the **confident hope** concerning this means the height of enjoyment and the greatest certainty of it **for those who are capable of figuring the problem out.**"*

The footnote reference is :

*Ep. 105.
⁸⁸ Hor., Sat. 1.3.66; Sen., Ep. 105.4; Harper's Latin Dictionary s.v. sensus II.3.*

Any thoughts from our more learned friends as to what was meant by, and who are "**those who are capable of figuring the problem out**" ?

I'm still trying to figure this problem out 😊

Thanks