

Preuss - "Epicurean Ethics - Katastematic Hedonism"

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I am not sure it is possible to say that Epicurus did not use the term, or that it is a later construct, given that Diogenes Laertius' direct quote without the use of any indirect speech or an attribution to a secondary source.

I agree that DL clearly says that, so it would be unlikely that he "did not use the term." But the reasons for argument that the extreme focus on this distinction was introduced later is what was advanced by Gosling and Taylor and summarized in the Boris [Nikolsky](#) article (click on Nikosky's name and it will come up).