

Discussion of Blog Post: The Continuing Vitality of Epicurean Physics

Post by “Cassius” of April 29, 2026 at 7:25 AM

[Quote from Godfrey](#)

VS26: Understand that a long discourse and a short one both achieve the same result.

That's one that always has seemed to me to be in need of clarification. i think I've seen some analysis of it by commentators to the effect that the real meaning is that the purpose of both is to obtain the same result. It seems obvious that the meaning cannot always be: "use few words" or Epicurus would not have written 37 books on nature of so many articles. There are times when one or the other is appropriate, and the long will definitely not do the job when short is appropriate, not the short when the long is needed.