

Diogenes of Oinoanda Inscription - NEW Complete Translation By MFS - March 2026

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Aside from the introductory part where Diogenes declares his (noble) motifs, this is the section I personally like the most:

*Let us first discuss states, keeping an eye on the point that, **when the emotions which disturb the soul are removed, those which produce pleasure enter into it to take their place.***

Well, what are the disturbing emotions? [They are] fears —of the gods, of death, and of [pains]— and, besides [these], desires that [outrun] the limits fixed by nature. These are the roots of all evils, and, [unless] we cut them off, [a multitude] of evils will grow [upon] us.