

Did Epicurus Advise Marriage or Not? Diogenes Laertius Text Difficulty

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I agree with you, Cassius. I will parenthetically add that Epicurus does use all of these terms below, and it is clear that they are "grades" or "rankings" of one's advancement, but I doubt the divisions were very formalized.

ὁ ὠκειωμένος	he who is familiar	ΩΚΕΙΩΜΕΝΟΣ <i>made comfortable dwelling</i>
ὁ προβεβηκώς	he who has advanced	ΠΡΟΒΕΒΗΚΩΣ <i>to have walked forward</i>
ὁ ἀποτελούμενος	he who is fully completing [for himself]	ΑΠΟΤΕΛΟΥΜΕΝΟΣ <i>completing out</i>
ὁ τετελειουργημένος	he who has accomplished [for himself]	ΤΕΤΕΛΕΣΙΟΥΡΓΗΜΕΝΟΣ <i>completed work</i>
ὁ σοφός	wise man	ΣΟΦΟΣ <i>knowledge</i>