

Did Epicurus Advise Marriage or Not? Diogenes Laertius Text Difficulty

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Do you have the citations/references for those? I'm curious to check them out.

thank you for the question! I prefer when the answer rests in *On Nature*... but here we are *On Lives* only!

1. ὁ ὠκειωμένος

10.37a. "ὄθεν, δὴ πᾶσι χρησίμης οὐσης τοῖς ὠκειωμένοις φυσιολογία τῆς τοιαύτης ὁδοῦ..."

...therefore, certainly since such a course is useful to all who are familiar with natural science...

2. ὁ προβεβηκώς

10.35b. "...καὶ τοὺς προβεβηκότας δὲ ἰκανῶς ἐν τῇ τῶν ὅλων ἐπιβλέψει, τὸν τύπον τῆς ὅλης πραγματείας τὸν κατεστοιχειωμένον δεῖ μνημονεύειν..."

...and Those who have advanced sufficiently in the observation of the whole, must remember the impression of the whole work that has been reduced [to the fundamentals]...

3. ὁ ἀποτελούμενος

10.83b. "...Ὅσοι δὲ μὴ παντελῶς τῶν ἀποτελουμένων εἰσίν: ἐκ τούτων καὶ κατὰ τὸν ἄνευ φθόγγων τρόπον..."

...but Those who are not absolutely among those who are fully completing: from these things and in this way without [verbal] expressions...

4. ὁ τετελειουργημένος...

10.36b. "...ἐπεὶ καὶ, τῷ τετελειουργημένῳ τοῦτο Κυριώτατον τοῦ παντὸς ἀκριβώματος γίνεται: τὸ ταῖς ἐπιβολαῖς ὀξέως δύνασθαι χρῆσθαι ἐκάστων πρὸς ἀπλᾶ στοιχειώματα καὶ φωνὰς συναγομένων..."

"...since, for the one who is accomplished, this is the most important Thing produced by total accuracy: to be able to quickly use [our] attentions with each thing referenced by simple component principles and statements..."

5. ὁ σοφός... οἶσθα!