

Eudaimonia and Makariotēs in the Letter to Menoecus

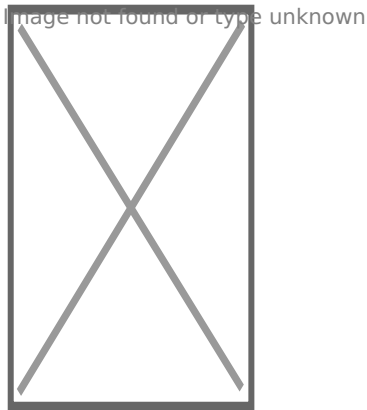
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FWIW (from my Menoikeus commentary)

μακάριον

This word is often translated as "blessed, fortunate, wealthy, 'well-off.'" There appears to be no certain etymology of the root [makar] or the longer form [makarios/on]. It appears to possibly have something to do with being wealthy, either literally or figuratively. *Taking Ancient Mythology Economically* by Morris Silver has a very interesting section on the origins of the word. This is yet another example of the inadequacy of using one word to translate from one language to another.

See also



[Taking Ancient Mythology Economically](https://books.google.com/books/about/Taking_Ancient_Mythology_Economically.html)
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