

The Tetrpharmakon - Sound Epicurean Doctrine, or Oversimplification?

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So it seems to me that, according to that article:

1. The tetrpharmakos is a legitimate, authentic Epicurean epitome.
2. It could be used for several purposes including instruction for those who didn't have the time or education to study the full texts themselves.
3. It could also be used by more scholarly students of the philosophy to keep key points more readily at hand and to serve as "une invitation à la réflexion et au calcul" an invitation to reflection and calculation. (I think they're referring to the calculation of "choices and rejections.")
4. That being said, Philodemus definitely advocated study of the actual texts was the best course of action in studying the philosophy.