

# Epigrams on Atomism

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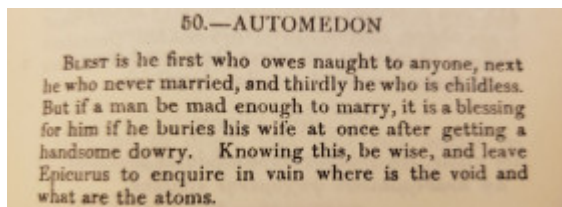
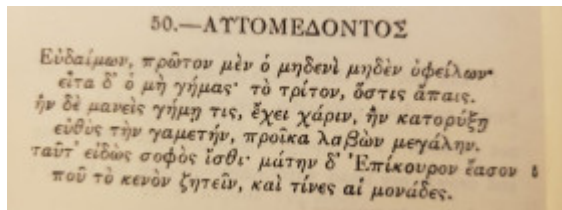
## Book XI - Convivial and Satirical Epigrams

### No. 50 - Automedon

Quote

"Blest is he first who owes naught to anyone, next he who never married, and thirdly he who is childless. But if a man be mad enough to marry, it is a blessing for him if he buries his wife at once after getting a handsome dowry. Knowing this, be wise, and leave Epicurus to enquire in vain where is the void and what are the atoms."

Translated W. R. Paton



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While I don't endorse the overall sentiment in any way (for the record), I find it interesting that "blest" is used to translate the first word *Ευδαίμων* *Eudaimōn* (i.e., *Eudaimonia*).