

Hercules the Epicurean (?)

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Probably in discussing (and refuting?) the idea that all pleasures are interchangeable, and that we should not care whether we spend our lives as a Hercules or a slacker, or as a lion or a worm (for example) this doctrine is relevant: "9. If every pleasure had been capable of accumulation, not only over time but also over the entire body or at least over the principal parts of our nature, then pleasures would never differ from one another."

That one has always struck me as particularly difficult, but it must also be particularly important to deserve to come so high in order of the doctrines.