

Welcome SmoothieKiwi!

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Well, thanks for the answer! That was quick.

Regarding DeWitt, I've already noticed that it seems to be in high estates here on the forums- the problem is that I'm currently a student and living in Germany- which means that purchasing expensive books from across the ocean is basically impossible. Even so, I'm going to keep my eyes open.

edit: Just as I was writing this answer, I saw [this open tab](#) which referenced the book, and then clicked on the link to the pdf (by the way, it worked, so you can change the date to today if you want to). So even if I will leave this forum today, this book will be something which I'll keep with me 😊

Regarding Cicero: I've actually began reading his work, and one of the points which brought me to Epicureanism was his argumentation against it. I remember that I found many parts of it unconvincing and weak- and that brought me to Wrights book, in which I hoped to find an answer in the eternal debate of "Stoicism vs Epicureanism". And, at least for me, I can say that I found it!

Regarding the Gandalf analogy: I got inspired by the Principal Doctrine 39- "He who best knew how to meet fear of external foes made into one family all the creatures he could; and those he could not, he at any rate did not treat as aliens; and where he found even this impossible, he avoided all association, and, so far as was useful, kept them at a distance. " In some way, this image of a person who's able to always find the right way is really appealing to me- at the same time, I've to recognize that Gandalf or Kenobi is (and stays) only a movie figure. We'll never be able to meet every single obstacle with the perfect answer, or the perfect amount of virtue (sorry Aristotle), simply because we're humans. Yet I'm interested in how much Epicureanism can help with that.

And, regarding Wright: she isn't my only point of reference, in no way- but I really, really like how she portrayed Epicurus in her work, and am simply interested if that was only a figure from books and literature, or if philosophy can really help on the path of becoming such a person.

(and now, please excuse me, just a few minutes ago a huge 400- page pdf appeared on the top of my book list 😊)