

Greenblatt and his Detractors

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A minor curiosity;

Galen

XVI. Τὰ πρὸς τὴν Ἐπικούρου φιλοσοφίαν ἀνήκοντα.}

ΠΕΡΙ ΤΗΣ ΚΑΤ' ἘΠΙΚΟΥΡΟΝ ΕΥΔΑΙΜΟΝΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΜΑΚΑΡΙΟΥ ΒΙΟΥ
δύο: ΠΕΡΙ ΤΗΣ ΚΑΤ' ἘΠΙΚΟΥΡΟΝ ἈΜΑΥΡΟΥΜΕΝΗΣ ἩΔΟΝΗΣ: ὍΤΙ ΤΑ
ΠΟΙΗΤΙΚΑ ΤΗΣ ἩΔΟΝΗΣ ἘΛΛΙΠΩΣ ἘΠΙΚΟΥΡῶ ΛΕΛΕΚΤΑΙ ἔν: ΠΕΡΙ
ΤΗΣ ἩΔΟΝΙΚΗΣ ΑΙΡΕΣΕΩΣ: Εἰ ἡ ΦΥΣΙΟΛΟΓΙΑ ΧΡΗΣΙΜΟΣ ΕἰΣ ΤΗΝ
ἨΘΙΚΗΝ ΦΙΛΟΣΟΦΙΑΝ ἔν: περὶ τῶν ΠΡΟΣ ΤΟΥΣ ΣΟΦΙΣΤΑΣ ἐννέα
Μητροδώρου: ἘΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ ΠΡΟΣ ΚΕΛΣΟΝ ἘΠΙΚΟΥΡΕΙΟΝ: ἘΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ
ΠΟΥΔΕΝΤΙΑΝΟΥ ἘΠΙΚΟΥΡΕΙΟΥ.

It appears that Galen wrote several treatise's on Epicurus (almost certainly lost).

Perhaps [Don](#) can help with these. I read it (badly) as;

XVI. *On the philosophy of Epicurus [anekonta?]*

On Epicurus' Eudaimonia and the Happiness of Life

two: On Epicurus [?] Pleasure: [can't make anything of this...something about making and pleasure and imperfection]

On Choosing Pleasure: [?] The usefulness of Physiology in Moral Philosophy

On the (seven books? of the) Sophists

Metrodorus: Epistle to Celsus the Epicurean: Epistle to Pudentianus the Epicurean.

ἀμαυρόω: to make dim, faint

βίος, ὁ: life

ἔλλιπῶς: defectively

Ἐπικούρειος, -ον: Epicurean

Ἐπίκουρος, ὁ: Epicurus

ἐπιστολή, ἡ: a message, command

εὐδαίμων, -ον: happy

ἠθικός, -ή, -όν: ethical, moral

ἡδονή, ἡ: pleasure

ἡδονικός, -ή, -όν: for pleasure, hedonistic

Κέλσος, ὁ: Celsus

μακάριος, -α, -ον: blessed

Μητροδώρος, ὁ: Metrodorus

ποιητικός, -ή, -όν: productive

Πουδεντιανός, ὁ: Pudentianus

σοφιστής, -οῦ, ὁ: a sophist

φυσιολογία, ἡ: inquiry into natural causes

χρήσιμος, -η, -ον: useful

Ἐπίκουρον: Epicurus (341-270 BCE), founder of his eponymous school of philosophy

ἀμαυρουμένης: pr. part., “*diminished* pleasure”

τὰ ποιητικά: “the efficient causes”

Ἐπικούρω: dat. of agent after λέλεκται, “by Epicurus”

λέλεκται: perf. pas. of λέγω, “have been described”

χρήσιμος: pred., “is *useful*”

τῶν ... ἐννέα: “on the seven (books)”

Μητροδώρου: Metrodorus of Lampsacus (331-287 BCE), a major proponent of Epicureanism

Κέλσον: Celsus the Epicurean (2nd. CE)