

AFDIA - Chapter Two - Text and Discussion

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A few reactions:

The words and phrasing are so different from modern english that it takes a lot of effort to unravel. For example: What does it mean to "riot in luxury and vice"?

Theophrastus is thought of as being "vicious" because his style of philosophical discourse is perhaps harsh, hostile, and menacing to Leontium?

Timocrates is thought of as being "vicious" because the things that he says about Epicurus are lies? This makes more sense, as the adjective properly fits. But there is something left out here, and that is when people feel angry, they lash out as an attempt to "punish". So there is something that Timocrates was angry about.

So we are then left at a level of philosophizing about having compassion. There are absolutes presented here, which aren't tied down to any specifics of "who, what, why, when, where".

Hopefully it will get better as the story develops.