

Compassion in Epicurean Philosophy

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Ep.1p.11U. (pl.), al.

This looks to me like a citation to Usener's *Epicurea*, no?

That's what I thought but "Usener 11" doesn't seem to line up with anything.

The only thing I've found so far is this Vatican Saying :

LXVI. Let us show our feeling for our lost friends not by lamentation but by meditation.

*LXVI. Συμπαθῶμεν τοῖς φίλοις οὐ θρηνούντες ἀλλὰ φροντίζοντες.

[Sympathōmen tois philois ou thrēnountes alla phrontizontes]

Bailey commentary:

"LXVI. Usener is probably right in holding that this fragment cannot refer to sympathy with living friends (θρηνούντες is against that), but to

feeling for friends who are dead The true Epicurean will not idly lament their death, but meditate on their lives. Compare [PD11](#)."

Συμπαθῶμεν is a verb. "Let us 'sympathize'"

θρηνούντες refers to wailing, singing a dirge, lamenting.

φροντίζοντες connotes reflection on, giving thought to...

[Henry George Liddell, Robert Scott, A Greek-English Lexicon, Φ φ, , φρι κ-ώδης , φροντ-ίζω](#)