

# Philodemus' "On Anger" - General - Texts and Resources

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Verification through a cite to the text - that the wise man will be "insane" not to "grit his teeth and come back at him (the offender) in one way or another."

really is, not allowing any false beliefs into the *symmetrisis* of the harm done, and (thus) into the chastisements of those who harm us" (fr. 37.32-39; cf. Epicurus, *Mev.* 129).<sup>102</sup> Thus, the sage is in a position to know better than anyone whether the punishment is possible and appropriate. If it is, then she will inflict it to deter further offenses: if the sage is harmed and "when punished, he (the adversary) will be checked and will rein in the

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others, he (the sage) would be insane not to grit his teeth and come back at him in one way or another" (fr. 41.2-8).<sup>103</sup> If the sage cannot carry out the punishment for whatever reason, she simply avoids the wrongdoer in the future.