

# AFDIA - Chapter Eleven - Text and Discussion

Post by "Cassius" of April 17, 2022 at 2:53 PM

Starting at this point in the thread which discusses Philodemus on Anger are a number of slides / quotes that would also be relevant to today's chapter, both on the issue of anger itself, which is discussed in the first part of the chapter, and as to taking action when appropriate, which is discussed in the second.

I would say that Frances Wright is a little too flatly against "anger" than the Philodemus text reveals, and that she would have been better off with the same subtly she shows to "taking action" and also as to feeling the pain of the death of a loved one - in both of which cases a firm and even emotional response can be appropriate under certain circumstances.

And in fact perhaps the subtly is in fact there, such as in the scene in the prior chapter where Epicurus appears to get angry with Metrodorus for endorsing anger!

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In terms of commentary, the Preface helpfully suggests that those wanting an immediate overview should refer to sections 4 and 5 of the Introduction. I see that section 3 discusses the prior position of Plato and Aristotle, so that looks good too.

Here is a good baseline for comparison with the stoics: The Stoics held that there is no such thing as any kind of rational or natural anger, and this will be different from the Epicurean position, who are apparently going to focus on "vengeance" as...



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