

Natural Wealth and Natural Goods in Epicureanism

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Yes, "deviant" certainly is a weird word here. I'd suggest that what he's after is the *oikonomia* that requires a *techne* because it goes beyond (deviates from) the natural (Epicurean) bounds, i.e. with its maximizing aim. That kind of *oikonomia* seems to match that last line of the Tsouana quote: "On the other hand, 'more' corresponds somehow to 'the measure of wealth' but never amounts to the open-ended goal of traditional *οικονομία*, namely, to amass as many riches as possible through decent and lawful means."

Still, a strange word choice.

Now I have to go watch some baseball. 😊