

Episode One Hundred Thirty-Seven - The Letter to Menoeceus 04 - On Death (Part Two)

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While I'm at it with quotations, let's add first Menander, and then Lucian;

Quote

Hail, you twin-born sons of Neocles, of whom the one saved his country from slavery, the other from folly.

Quote

Alexander once made himself supremely ridiculous. Coming across Epicurus's [Principal Doctrines](#), the most admirable of his books, as you know, with its terse presentment of his wise conclusions, he brought it into the middle of the marketplace, there burned it on a figwood fire for the sins of its author, and cast its ashes into the sea. He issued an oracle on the occasion: “The dotard's doctrines to the flames be given.” The fellow had no conception of the blessings conferred by that book upon its readers, of the peace, tranquillity, and independence of mind it produces, of the protection it gives against terrors, phantoms, and marvels, vain hopes and insubordinate desires, of the judgment and candor that it fosters, or of its true purging of the spirit, not with torches and squills and such rubbish, but with right reason, truth, and frankness.