

# An Epicurean Study of Aristotle's Nichomachean Ethics

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To digress to Plutarch for a moment, I found it interesting that Lucretius's image of seeing a shipwreck or battle from afar and being thankful it wasn't happening to oneself an echo of the quotations from Metrodorus and Epicurus:

Quote from Metrodorus

Metrodorus asserts in his *Reply to the Sophists*: 'Hence this very thing is the Good (τὸ ἀγαθόν > τὰγαθοῦ), escape from the evil; for there is nowhere for the Good (τὰγαθὸν) to be put when nothing painful to the body or distressing to the mind is any longer making way for it.'

Quote from Epicurus

For what produces a jubilation unsurpassed is the contrast of the great evil escaped; and this is the nature of good, (τὴν τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ φύσιν) if you apply your mind rightly and then stand firm and do not stroll about (περιπατῆ) prating meaninglessly about good