

An Epicurean Study of Aristotle's Nichomachean Ethics

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As to the first article there's lots of preliminary material not particularly on point with our current discussion, but good background. Looks to me like the article really gets going around page 12 and this statement:

(c) *The Philosophical Content.* (i) The Theme.

Of the overall theme of *Περὶ φύσεως* Book XXVIII, little can be said with certainty beyond the obvious fact that it concerns epistemology. Two recurring topics are error (ψεῦδος, πλάνη, ἁμαρτία, ἡμαρτημένον, διημαρτημένον) and language (λέξεις, ὀνόματα, φθόγγοι, φωναί, ἐρμηνεία, ῥήσεις). The later sections deal with the use of empirical reasoning (ἐπιλογισμός) in detecting error; and the closing remarks imply that a particular species of error has been the subject of the whole book.*Perhaps then the stated theme of the book was the kind of error that can arise through language.