

Did Epicurus Commit Suicide Due To His Disease? (Merger of Two Threads On When Voluntary Death Makes Sense)

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[Quote from Don](#)

I don't see textual evidence of that position.

for the time being we can just note our disagreement on that, because at least for me I do see that implication in the texts I cited. It's always difficult to know the subtleties but I see those phrases, and even the tone of "[death is nothing to us](#)" as implying an "in your face" attitude toward the view that we should be scared of things associated with death - sort of the aggressive attitude of "trampling religion underfoot" that a lot of commentators seem to think that Lucretius displays. And I am especially firm in thinking that Epicurean Philosophy points toward managing our circumstances of dying as much as managing our living.

That reminds me that there may be another useful example in the ancient bio of Atticus.

(And no I will never accept that the Roman Epicureans were not orthodox Epicureans. :-).)