

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

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Thanks for that cite! It's hard not to smile when reading the almost snarkiness of lines like "you snore when awake...". 😊. (I am not sure why I say "almost". - you "drunken wretch!")

Quote

Democritus, warned by ripe old age that the motions of his mind's 1040 memory were failing, voluntarily went to meet death and offered him his life.⁸⁸ Epicurus himself died, when the light of his life had accomplished its course—he who outshone the human race in genius and obscured the luster of all as the rising of the ethereal sun extinguishes the stars.⁸⁹ Will you, then, be hesitant and indignant, when death calls? You, even while you still have life and light, are as good as dead: you squander the greater part of your time in sleep; you snore when awake; you never stop daydreaming; you are burdened with a mind disturbed by groundless fear; and often you cannot discover what is wrong with you, when, like 1050 some drunken wretch, you are buffeted with countless cares on every side and drift along aimlessly in utter bewilderment of mind