

Festivals or Contemplation??

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Based on this from Usener, it seems like DL's source is probably Epicurus' *Problems*, which he does cite as a source for another saying (per Don's website).

With this additional context, I'm now leaning toward "festivals".

(I'm assuming this is what the Bailey footnote referencing Bignone was referring to.)

[Quote from Usener](#)

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Plutarch, *That Epicurus actually makes a pleasant life impossible*, 13, p. 1095C: The absurdity of what Epicurus says! On the one hand, he declares in his *Problems* that the Sage is a lover of spectacles and yields to none in the enjoyment of theatrical recitals and shows; but on the other, he allows no place, even over wine, for questions about music and the inquires of critics and scholars and actually advises a cultivated monarch to put up with recitals of stratagems and with vulgar buffooneries at his drinking parties sooner than with the discussion of problems in music and poetry.
[cf. U5]