

Episode 172 - "Epicurus And His Philosophy" Part 25 - Chapter 12 - The New Hedonism 01

Post by "Don" of April 30, 2023 at 9:01 PM

Here's a post I did last year about DeWitt's "summum bonum fallacy" and the thread includes a link to DeWitt's paper dedicated to the topic, too:

Post

[RE: From The "Golden Mean" to the "Summum Bonum" - Useful or Deceptive Frames of Reference?](#)

Here are my thoughts on Norman DeWitt's "Epicurus: The Summum Bonum Fallacy" (1950).

Overall, I'm unimpressed with DeWitt's aim of using a linguistic quirk between Greek and Latin to make a larger philosophical point. Numerous languages get by with no definite article and can convey as complex and nuanced as any language with a definite article: "Linguists believe the common ancestor of the Indo-European languages, Proto-Indo-European, did not have articles. Most of the languages in this...



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