

PD01 - Gratitude and Weakness (Especially In Relation to the Gods)

Post by "TauPhi" of May 10, 2023 at 5:35 PM

[Quote from Cassius](#)

Thank you TauPhi!

Here's that list of works from Google translate:

Unfortunately, most of these are not attainable. I tried to find Epicurus related works but beside the books I've mentioned (which are also out of print) I couldn't get my hands on any of these works.

[Quote from Cassius](#)

Thanks for the translation!!

As to this:

[Quote from TauPhi](#)

He called for the sacrifice of the most precious gift that human can make, namely the act of understanding, and to this call he remained faithful throughout his entire life.

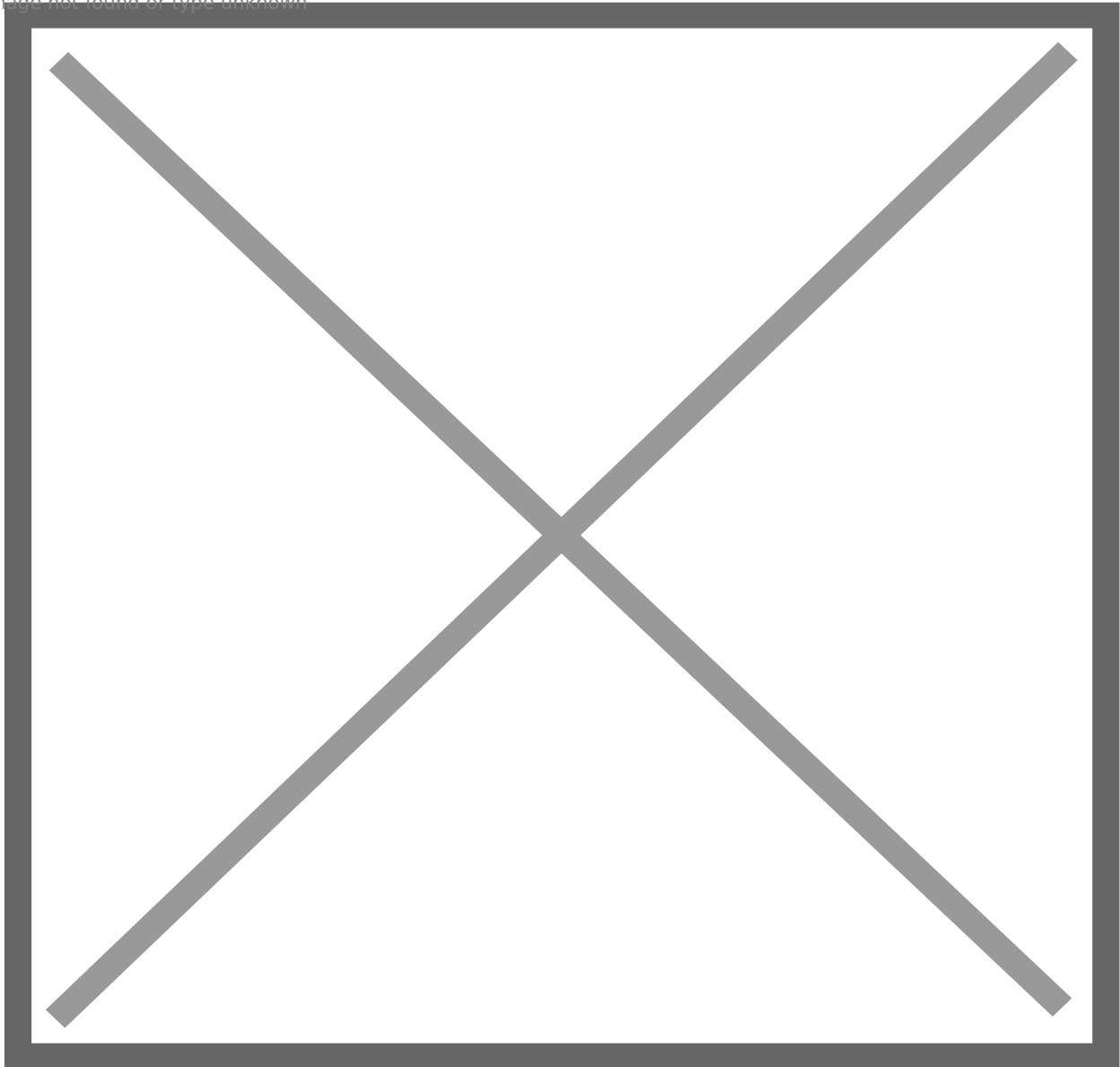
"Called for the sacrifice of....?" Meaning more like dedication to?

It's an opposition to the act of blindly sacrificing everything to gods out of fear (referring to Oxyrhynchus Papyri quote above). Sacrificing the act of understanding might not be the best wording (though Krokiewicz uses just that) but it's the act of giving everything one has intellectually to achieve fearless blessedness instead of fearful submission (at least that's how I understand it).

BTW, Adam Krokiewicz gives in this paragraph very interesting source. Oxyrhynchus Papyrus 215 is suspected to be potentially written by Epicurus himself. Here are some links if anyone cares to investigate further:

General info about Oxyrhynchus Papyri:

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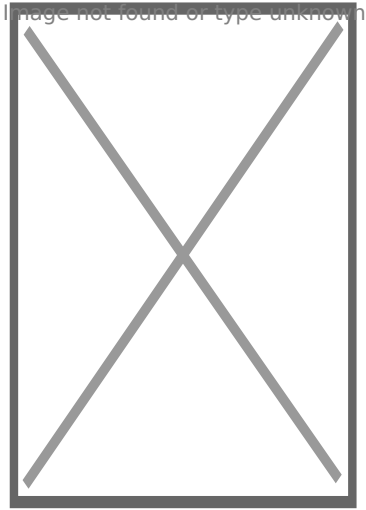
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Specific info about Papyrus Oxyrhynchus 215:

[Papyrus Oxyrhynchus 215 - Wikipedia](#)

And lastly, the source material and its translation:

<https://www.epicureanfriends.com/thread/3048-pd01-gratitude-and-weakness-especially-in-relation-to-the-gods/?postID=23847#post23847>



[The Oxyrhynchus papyri : Grenfell, Bernard P : Free Download, Borrow, and Streaming : Internet Archive](#)

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