

Letter to Menoikeus translation by Peter Saint-Andre

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In the basis of feelings what is the situation that a profligate is? Is he dead, is he sleepy? No he is in fears and he feels pains, and pains provokes to himself and others next to him. Since a profligate is in a situation of oblivion [λήθη], because he does not know the truth [α+λήθεια] about the phenomena in the sky, the Universe, and the death and the god etc etc. In the basis of empathy who is a profligate, usually? He is a kind of a narcissist, he feels enjoyment in the sake of himself, he does not provoke pleasure, enjoyment and benefit to others. Since the profligate has no prudence and without prudence we are not able to put the proper LIMITS in pleasure and pain and with this behavior we are not friendly with others in our society and the worse is that we are not such kind of citizens to be free, self sufficient and autonomous to judge the laws and the powers. Usually in the powers (political and religious) there are such kind of persons: narcissistic-profligates who are holding each other by "the balls" i.e. there is a silent blackmailing if they are not obedient in their "silent agreements" then, their "dirty laundry" will be revealed in public. 😄

BUT : VS81. The disturbance of the soul cannot be ended nor true joy created either by the possession of the greatest wealth or by honor and respect in the eyes of the mob or by anything else that is associated with or caused by unlimited desires. (again here Epicurus speaks about the limits). 😊