

# Letter to Menoikeus translation by Peter Saint-Andre

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## [Quote from Don](#)

P.S.: I may have to accept the ambiguity... but I'm not willing to throw in the towel quite yet. Although, I recognize this has taken on a slight tinge of obsession here. 😊

Dear friend Don, hello and joy! 😊

Please, if you would like to permit me to eliminate your pain saying to you this known **“follow the money”** and then, maybe, you'll realize what Epicurus meant for the enjoyment with “boys” and “women”. In this passage of his LTM for having the enjoyable company with boys and women, Epicurus means simply: spending your money for sleeping and having intercourse with them, and nothing else. In the opposite, having company with boys and women and be united with them as **friends** and members of your school-Garden, you do not spend your money, but if and whenever you spend some of your money for offering to them their natural and necessary, indeed, you do not spend you money in vain, and **“scattering them to the five winds”**, as a newgreek idiom says too. 😊

Since, for the wise man when he has accommodated himself to straits knows better how to give than to receive, so great is the treasure of self-sufficiency which he has discovered. Thus for Epicurus - above all **-is friendship**, and friendship is a value without value, it is an **invaluable value**, it is a precious and of **high quality value**! And Epicurus always speaks for high quality values and as he calls them **immortal goods**. So simple is the issue, I suppose. 😊