

Philodemus' Poetry

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While working on my Philodemus poem, I just stumbled on the book *The Epigrams of Philodemos: Introduction, Text, and Commentary* by David Sider. Now I feel the need to read it before continuing. But, in the early pages, he broaches a very interesting topic: that the relationship between various sub-schools of Epicureanism was not all peace and light. Philodemus was loyal to his teacher Zeno of Sidon, and engaged in "much internecine polemic" with the Epicureans of Rhodes (where Philodemus may have also studied for awhile).

I think I've seen this before, I think while I was studying Virgil. I don't remember where it was I saw it but I think Zeno was credited with maintaining proper adherence to "orthodox" epicurean practices and teachings. Something like that I was just skimming it. Let us know what you find.