

Six manuscripts of Diogenes Laertius

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We must have already discussed this in a thread somewhere (perhaps it is as yet unfiled). The article talks about the various manuscripts.

Quote

Nor was the tenth book left much longer without a commentator. In due time the energies of Gassendi were concentrated upon it. Both the physical speculations and the ethical doctrine of Epicurus attracted him, and there appeared at Leyden in 1649 *Animadversiones in librum X Diogenis Laertii*, with a companion volume, *De vita et moribus Epicuri*. A second edition followed, and a third (Leyden, 1675), in which the two parts, *Epicuri philosophiae per Petrum Gassendum, tomus primus*, and *Epicuri ethicae per Petrum Gassendum, tomus secundus*, were united. Gassendi depended less upon MSS. than upon common sense and his own reasoning powers ; nevertheless to him, as to his predecessors, Stephanus, Casaubon, and Aldobrandinus, are due some conjectural restorations of the text which subsequent editors accept without reserve ; for example, there are three such in x. 83.

[Diogenes Laertius: the Manuscripts of "The Lives of Eminent Philosophers"](#)