

Choice & Avoidance: towards a better translation for avoidance

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[Quote from Julia](#)

Yes! This is why promises made only because of a sense of duty aren't worth a grain of salt.

Yes. Now of course we are talking about communication and word choices, and different people might use a very different word to express exactly the same thing to which I am referring to as encompassed in "commitment" as "an intense emotional drive voluntarily undertaken toward the achievement of some specified and desired goal." But if I became convinced that someone was "commitment-averse" in a generic sense, I would likely arrive at exactly the conclusion of "flakiness" you mentioned earlier Julia.

And for example I am convinced that it is the "commitment" of Lucretius that comes through as the intensity and value of his poem, and likewise with Diogenes of Oinoanda. If that sense of "commitment" does not come through in a person's writings about Epicurus (at least after a time) then that gives me a pretty good sense that they and I are not at all on the same page. I'm sorry, but I can't take a "disinterested" or "passionless" position on someone I see to be standing up to fight - and almost alone -- against the greatest evils of human life.