

October 7, 2024 - First Monday Epicurean Philosophy Zoom Discussion - Agenda

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A key text which was mentioned in our Zoom last night involves the first sentence of the following quote which Usener catalogs as part of U67, from Athēnaïos, Deipnosophists, 12.67, 546E:

- And indeed Epíkouros, while not hiding himself, says loudly "I myself am not able to conceive the good – if I removed the pleasure from flavor, and removed the pleasure from Aphrodisian activities." For this wise man believes that even the life of profligates can be irreproachable – if it should be safe and favorable for one of them! Therefore, the Poets of comedy, who are perhaps disdainful of pleasure and intemperance, call out the Epicureans and Followers.

As stated, the first sentence will be our special focus, but the remainder of the quote illustrates how enemies of Epicurus combine it with [PD10](#) and their general denunciation of pleasure for purposes of disparagement.

Find the full U67 on page 188 of Bryan's PDF version of Epicurea here:

<https://www.epicureanfriends.com/wcf/attachment/4995-epicurea-9-11-pdf/>