

Episode 251 - Cicero's OTNOTG 26 - How Niagara Falls Helps Us Understand the Flux, the Heap, and the Epicurean Gods

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On the belly:

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ων ο θεος η κοιλια "their god is the belly"

και η δοξα εν τη αισχυνη "and the δόξα 'principle, belief, etc. is in the shame"

Dewitt

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At first glance, this one at least seems to have promise. See:

[...]

So the "belly" is associated with the Epicureans. Paul uses a different word, κοιλῖα koilia, than it is in the 409 fragment, γαστήρ gastēr (where we get gastro-).

The second part "η δοξα εν τη αισχυνη." Dewitt translates δόξα...



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See also U130 : Athenaeus, Deipnosophists, VII p. 279F: It was in fact, for the sake of the belly and the pleasures of the flesh in general that this man flattered Idomeneus and Metrodorus. ... Epicurus, in fact, was the teacher of these men.

[U409]

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Athenaeus, *Deipnosophists*, XII p. 546F: And Epicurus says, "The principle and the root of all good is the pleasure of the stomach; even wisdom and culture must be referred to this."

***Ibid.*, VII p. 280A:** The master of these men, indeed, was Epicurus, who loudly proclaimed... ["The principle," etc., cited above].

Metrodorus, *Letter to his Brother Timocrates*, fr. 13 [p. 51 Duen.], by way of **Plutarch, *That Epicurus actually makes a pleasant life impossible*, 16, p. 1098D:** {We are not called to save the nation or get crowned by it for wisdom; what is called for, my dear Timocrates, is to eat and to drink wine, gratifying the belly without harming it.} ... It made me both happy and confident to have learned from Epicurus how to gratify the belly properly. ... {The belly, Timocrates, my man of wisdom, is the region that contains the highest end.}

Cf. Plutarch, *Against Colotes*, 30, p. 1125A: For it is the men who look with contempt on all these things as old wives' tales, and think that our good is to be found in the belly and the other passages by which pleasure makes her entry...

***Ibid.*, 2, p. 1108C:** ...by those who keep shouting that the good is to be found in the belly...

Plutarch, *That Epicurus actually makes a pleasant life impossible*, 17, p. 1098D: Indeed these people, you might say, describing a circle with the belly as center and radius, circumscribe within it the whole area of pleasure...

Cicero, *Against Lucius Calpurnius Piso*, 27.66: It is his habit in all his discussions to attach higher value to the pleasures of the belly than to the delights of the eye and the ear.

Cf. Plutarch, *That Epicurus actually makes a pleasant life impossible*, 2, p. 1087B: "Oho!" I said laughing. "It looks as if you are going to hop on their *belly* and make them run for their *flesh* when you take pleasure away..."

Cf. Hegesippus, by way of **Athenaeus, *Deipnosophists*, VII p. 279D (Com. IV p. 481)**