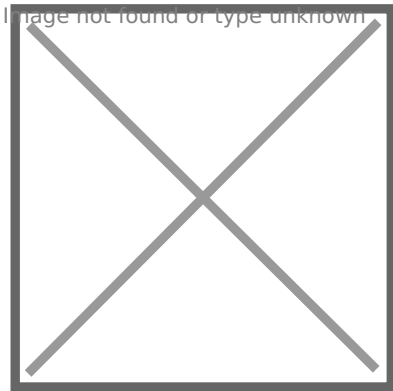


Did Epicurus Commit Suicide Due To His Disease? (Merger of Two Threads On When Voluntary Death Makes Sense)

Post by “Cassius” of April 30, 2025 at 4:17 PM

I don't know that we've previously discussed this article by Maria Bitsori:



[Epicurus' death](#)

The aim is to present how an eminent philosopher perceived, reported and faced his progressing and ultimately fatal uropathy, 23 centuries ago. All available...
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It gets close to the issue but as I read through it doesn't really address the argument at length. I see that it does include a reference I've never seen before. The way it's written it sure sounds like it's referencing Epicurus, but the footnote refers to Marcus Aurelius (Marcus Aurelius (1930) Meditations: 9. 41. Edited and translated by Haines CR. The Loeb Classical Library. Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts, pp 254-257) Perhaps Aurelius is referring to Epicurus, or perhaps I'm just not reading it properly.

Quote

Epicurus obviously followed these palliative measures in his final-stage disease. Surgery could have been a more appropriate management. Surgical interventions in urinary tract diseases were not unknown at the time [7], but most probably they couldn't help in this specific case. On the other hand, the philosopher himself did not seem eager to accept any extraordinary medical intervention: “nor did I let the physicians ride the high horse as if they were doing grand things” [15]