

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

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he took his own life by drinking *neat* wine."

-- Pausanias, Description of Greece 10.23.12 (2nd century AD)

έκουσίως ἀφεΐναι τὴν ψυχὴν ἀκράτου πίνοντα τοῦ οἴνου.

DL10.15 Hermippus relates that [Epicurus] entered a bronze bath of lukewarm water and asked for *unmixed wine*,

Ἑρμιππος ἐμβάντα αὐτὸν εἰς πύελον χαλκῆν κεκραμένην ὕδατι θερμῷ καὶ αἰτήσαντα ἄκρατον ῥοφήσαι:...

Just had to check it was the same word. Sure enough. ἄκρατον