

Reconciling Cosma Raimondi and Diogenes Laertius On the Bull of Phalaris Question

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Yes that's the interesting part. Regardless of Laertius, CR pretty clearly had Cicero, and Cicero clearly says that Epicurus held that the wise man can be happy when in the bull. Did CR simply not believe him?

And there's a note in the Martin Davies' introduction to the letter to the effect that CR was reputed to be something of an expert in Cicero.

It would be interesting to look at the Latin / Italian of CR's original letter.