

# Cicero Fighting It Out "Horse And Foot" With Epicurus (Cicero's References to Epicurus in "On Duties" )

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Also, I see that the original Latin may not imply "foot and horses" but "*men* and horses"

*Cum his "viris equisque" ut dicitur, si honestem tueri ac retinere sententia est, decertandum est.*

With [this footnote from the Peabody edition](#):

Quote

Latin, *viris equisque*, literally, with men and horses, i. e. in full military array, with all the strength that I can muster, with might and main.

I'd say that's a quote that's highly relevant to keep in mind as we read Cicero.

When you're fighting someone *with all the strength you can muster*, sometimes you're going to fight up front and honestly, and sometimes you're going to fight by deception.