

VS63 - "Frugality Too Has A Limit..."

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is doing so *διά* (diá) "by way of", "on account of", or "due to" something being "indefinite"

Here I think we have the feminine abstract noun "**ἡ ἀοριστία, indefiniteness**" itself -- but it *is* an odd one, and I only have examples of the adjective being used elsewhere.

For example (of the adjective):

Porphyry of Tyre (fl. 275 CE), Letter to Marcella, 29.459-461

"ἐφ' ὅσον δ' ἂν Ἀμηχανῆς: Λήθη τῆς φύσεως Ἀμηχανεῖς· σαυτῷ γὰρ ἀορίστους φόβους καὶ ἐπιθυμίας Προσβάλλεις"

"to the extent that you have no means: you have no means because you fail to notice nature -- for you apply undefined fears and desires upon yourself"

Epicurus, On Nature, Book 25, P.Herc. 1056 col. 15 (fr. B 37) et alia

...{[μ]νήμη ἢ τὸ τῆι [μνή]μηι πά} ^{θος} ἀνάλογον ὧν ἔδει μᾶλλον ἐνεγείνετο πρὸς τὸ ὠρισμένον καὶ τὰ πάντα {ἐξελέγχον τῆς ἀναφορᾶς γινομένης καὶ οὐ πρὸς ἀόριστα καὶ κρίσεως προσδεόμενα -- αὕτη δ' αὖ πάλιν ἢ {τούτου μνήμη ἢ ἀνάλογος μνήμηι κίνησις τὰ μὲν συνεγε}γέν[νη]το εὐθύς, τὰ δ' ἠύξητο τὴν [ἀρχή]ν ἔχουσα καὶ τὴν αἰτίαν.

...Memory, or the Experience of those [*movements*] analogous to memory. It would have been more necessary that [*the memory*] was implanted in relation to what [*experience*] was being defined -- even with Everything refuting out the reference [*to the definition*] as it was being produced -- and not in relation to the undefined things, that are also in need of distinction. but again, this Memory of [*an experience*] or a Movement analogous to memory: with Some [*aspect of memory*] having been generated together directly [*from experiences*] -- while Other [*aspects of memory*] had increased, although they have a foundation and a cause [*from former experiences*].

For **ἐκπίπτειν** of course we also have:

ΚΔ 15. ὁ τῆς φύσεως Πλοῦτος καὶ ὠρίσται καὶ εὐπόριστός ἐστιν – ὁ δὲ τῶν κενῶν δοξῶν εἰς ἄπειρον ἐκπίπτει.

The wealth of nature is limited and well acquirable – but the [*wealth*] of empty judgments falls out into infinity.