

'Their God Is The Belly' / "The Root of All Good Is The Pleasure Of The Stomach" And Similar Attributions

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

I see that that specific phrase "Their god is the belly" is from Philipians and not directly tied to Epicureans, though it wouldn't be surprising if they were the intended target

Philippians 3:19

[King James Bible](#)

Whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is* their belly, and whose glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

It's a difference without a distinction, but I found it interesting that Philipians uses [κοιλιά](#) (koilia) instead of γάστρα (gastra):

ὣν τὸ τέλος ἀπώλεια ὣν ὁ θεὸς ἡ κοιλία καὶ ἡ δόξα ἐν τῇ αἰσχύνῃ αὐτῶν οἱ τὰ ἐπίγεια φρονοῦντες