

# Epicurus vs Aristotle: the Role of Reason vs Sensation Seeking?

Post by "Kalosyni" of December 9, 2025 at 8:12 AM

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my question deals both with "the telos" and with the definition of "pleasure"...of course we have talked about these many times in many threads here on the forum.

Here is a recent thread which brings up good points:

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**["Their God Is The Belly" / "The Root of All Good Is The Pleasure Of The Stomach" And Similar Attributions](#)**

This weekend in our Sunday zoom which was devoted substantially to food issues we tangentially discussed the statements that I gather are traditionally attributed to Metrodorus to the effect that the stomach or belly is of particular significance.

I thought I'd paste the following here as what appears to be the major source of this, and repeat my belief that general statements of this type should be viewed with caution. These sources (particularly Plutarch) are substantially hostile, and I am...



Cassius

November 24, 2025 at 9:55 AM