

An Observation On Using Opposing Philosophers To Argue Epicurean Positions

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To add onto [Joshua](#) point, along with homer, they also may have cited Hercules, to prove pain to be an evil. In Diogenes Laertius they pointed to Hercules lamenting at the pain of being torn by his poisoned Tunic but it's hard to tell if he's quoting a Epicurean example or his own.

Quote

Left to our own feelings, then, we shun pain; as when even Heracles, devoured by the poisoned robe, cries aloud,

"And bites and yells, and rock to rock resounds,
Headlands of Locris and Euboean cliffs."

For today we may imagine someone making the point of pain being an evil by Jesus prayer in Gethsemane to avoid crucifixion to God, and wailing on the Cross "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me" in the Gospel of Mark and Matthew.