

# Suavity - General Discussion

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I think Dewitt was focusing on ἡ χάρις (**grace**) for this.... and even here the alpha privative (i.e., ungrateful) shows itself to be important to Epicurus' thought.

## VS 69. Ingratitude's Trap

to tês psy-khês a-chá-ris-ton lích-non e-poí-ē-se to zô-on eis á-peí-ron tôn en di-ai-tē

poi-kil-má-tôn

τὸ τῆς ψυχῆς ἀχάριστον λίχνον ἐποίησε τὸ ζῶον εἰς ἄπειρον τῶν ἐν διαίτῃ  
ποικιλμάτων

the ungrateful greed of the soul makes the living being [go] into an infinity of  
diverse things in the way living

ἡ ψυχή αἱ ψυχαί	soul	ΨΥΧΗ <i>blowing</i>
ἡ χάρις αἱ χάριτες	grace	ΧΑΡΙΣ <i>being cheerful</i>
ἀχάριστος (ov)	ungrateful	ΑΧΑΡΙΣΤΟΣ <i>not being cheerful</i>

## VS 75. Gratitude for Past Fortune

eis ta pa-rō-chē-kó-ta a-ga-tha a-khá-ris-tos Phō-nē hē lé-gou-sa:

"té-los Hó-ra mak-roû bí-ou"

εἰς τὰ παρωχηκότα ἀγαθὰ ἀχάριστος Φωνὴ ἢ λέγουσα:

"τέλος Ὅρα μακροῦ βίου"

the ungrateful statement toward the good things that have passed by is the one saying: "Look at the fulfillment of a long life"