

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

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I was just rereading some of Jean-Marie Guyau, *The Ethics of Epicurus*, and found that his second chapter is "Fundamental Pleasure: the Stomach." (The translator notes that the French word Guyau uses - *ventre* - is a broader concept than "stomach;" Wiktionary gives "belly.")

In the chapter, he says:

"The pleasure of the stomach supports all sensible life, and consequently, following the Epicurean doctrine, is the ground of all good."

I don't think this adds any real content to the discussion here - it's just an aside.