

Suavity - General Discussion

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Plutarch also records a long list of mocking epithets. In an effort to explain the apparent antagonism between the epithets and VS79, I think we can look at:

ΚΔ 39 "He who has best composed himself regarding his lack of confidence from external circumstances is the person who has made things kindred for the cases in which this is possible, and for the cases in which this is not possible [*at least has made*] things not foreign. However, for as many cases as he could not even to do this: he made himself unmixed (and removed as many as it was profitable to accomplish this)."

This leave us with:

τὰ ὁμόφυλα δ οἱ ὁμόφυλοι	kindred things & people	<i>we enjoy them for their own sake</i>
τὰ οὐκ ἀλλόφυλά δ οἱ οὐκ ἀλλόφυλοι	not foreign things & people	<i>we enjoy them for mutual benefit</i>
τὰ ἀλλόφυλά δ οἱ ἀλλόφυλοι	foreign things & people	<i>we enjoy not interacting with them</i>

And for those people who "we enjoy not interacting with" it seems also possible to "enjoy critiquing them" even to the point of "enjoying critiquing them with critical epithets."