

Pleasure vs Happiness (?) Discussion of Hiram's "In Defense of Eudaimonia"

Post by "Todd" of October 21, 2019 at 3:27 PM

[Quote from Cassius](#)

have you read Diogenes Laertius from start to finish?

The biography of Epicurus, yes. If you literally mean all of it, then no.

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Have you read any of "On Ends"?

Yes. I may have read the whole thing long ago, but I've certainly read the parts related to Epicurus.

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How about Frances Wright? Did you read "A Few Days In Athens?"

Yes. I remember enjoying it the first time I read it, but I started re-reading it recently, and it seems to have lost some of its appeal for me.

I think the difference is that I know more about Epicurus' philosophy now, and Wright sometimes has Epicurus saying things that I seem not quite consistent. Probably she was trusting Cicero to give a fair presentation.

I have no trouble with people expressing their own views on Epicurus, though I may disagree. But to have the words coming from Epicurus' own mouth is...jarring.