

Discussion of the Society of Epicurus' 20 Tenets of 12/21/19

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Also, Hiram, I am uncertain about Philodemus' accuracy in representing Epicurus. You lean heavily on him. I decided to become an Epicurean because he was the only philosopher I'd ever read whom I agreed with. I tested Epicurus' words against my knowledge of the world and found him valid, which is a different process from learning the ideas from scratch. I approve of him because he was right, rather than having learned what was correct from him.

I do not find that all of Philodemus' writings are as accurate about reality as Epicurus was. I'm not 100% convinced Philodemus understood things accurately, and I don't mind questioning the value of his advice.