

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

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After establishing the criteria for successfully making choices and avoidances based on the chief goods and needful things, and teaching us the importance of being confident in our abilities to procure these, Philodemus then gave a list of examples of what happens when people fail to distinguish between natural and necessary pleasures and those that are vain and unnecessary.

The scroll ends with this auspicious account of how the prudent man who is aware of the chief goods, lives a virtuous life.

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Attention to the ending paragraph as a conclusion on the chief goods [kyriotatai] by Philodemus :

The "**hedeos zen**" i.e. "living pleasantly or living a pleasant life" **by Epicurus** has been replaced by the "**enareta zen**" i.e. living virtuously or living a virtuous life. Sorry, this ending phrase is like to hear a priest preaching from a church's altar !

