

Where To Start?

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A little late to the party, but I can support Cassius' confidence in DeWitt's book. In the past, I've picked up and "fell off" the Epicurean wagon several times due to confusion over texts and the business of life. Several months ago I began my first truly successful studies, and I am still challenged to continue learning and applying the texts every day. Cassius may recall pointing out to me the Stoic infiltration into many modern interpretations of Epicurean texts. I had fallen unknowingly into their intended asceticism, and to me Epicurean happiness seemed bleak, until my thinking was corrected. DeWitt makes clear this misinterpretation and meddling in Epicurus' teachings, and suddenly, everything I had been misguided on was clear.

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