

The Neglect of Metrodorus' Economics

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I'm currently working on the audiobook, will include Philodemus writings and am re-reading some of them. While reading the closing paragraph of "Art of property management", this grabbed my attention:

Quote

"We believe that the tranquil administration of one's property does not require great subtlety and that wealth is superior to poverty. At the same time we believe that **it's necessary to hand down a tradition of the most general principles and to outline many details in the treatises concerning the care and preservation of possessions.**"

I noticed here that the epicureans were being instructed to write Outlines of the Doctrines on Epicurean economics. This, like almost all else on this scroll, must have started with Metrodorus.

Also noticed that throughout this scroll Philodemus is constantly mentioning "Metrodorus said this, Metrodorus said that". And he cites many works that had been written by Metro on the subject of economics that did not survive to our time, as well as he mentions that Metrodorus was a great manager of property.

This quote indicates that economics was an important and necessary part of the doctrine, but there seems to be very little interest in the subject among modern Epicureans except for myself. I'd like that to change.

Have others read the translation of On the art of property management?

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