The Neglect of Metrodorus' Economics

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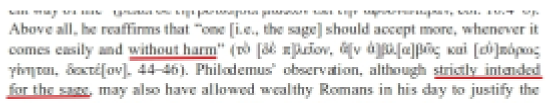
Two more points here: (1) the writer is again being ambigous and tending to make people think that the acquisition of anything by means of ANY harm (pain) is to be avoided, when that is clearly not the case.

(2) I think that this distinction about "the sage" is a dangerous distinction to. No doubt Epicurus did consider at time what the "founder of a school" might do different from any other wise person, but a philosophy oriented toward founders of schools is worse than useless -- Epicurean philosophy is oriented toward wise people in all stations of life, not specifically concerned with "sages"


Above all, he reaffirms that "one [i.e., the sage] should accept more, whenever it comes easily and without harm" (τὸ [δὲ π]λεῖον, ὅ[ν ἀ]βλ[α]βῶς καὶ [εὐ]πόρως γίνηται, δεκτέ[ον], 44–46). Philodemus' observation, although strictly intended for the sage, may also have allowed wealthy Romans in his day to justify the