

# The Neglect of Metrodorus' Economics

Post by "Cassius" of February 14, 2020 at 1:17 PM

## [Quote from Hiram](#)

I think you should challenge yourself, though, on your unwillingness to address Epicurean doctrines

Ok I don't understand you here at all. I AM addressing Epicurean doctrine, and taking the position that "natural measure of wealth" is no different that natural measure of courage or friendship or anything else.

## [Quote from Hiram](#)

The matter of economics and against limitless desires (which = anti-consumerism and related anxieties and false opinions) is a huge point where Epicurean teachings give moral guidance that is urgently needed in the modern world, as the Uruguayan ex-president has said before.

I think your citing this is further evidence of my concern. "Anticonsumerism" with which of course I agree is in no way near the most important issues involved in Epicurean philosophy, and what I am trying to say in a diplomatic way to you is that I disagree with efforts to reinforce that impression, which I believe will be a result of choosing to focus on this issue as if it is different from the general rule.

I think that's what you are interpreting as my "unwillingness." I am not unwilling to deal with and explore **any** Epicurean doctrines, but I do my best to nudge people away from paths which seem to me to be less productive.

## [Quote from Hiram](#)

There is no reason whatsoever to confuse "absolute" for "natural", just as we don't confuse the terms when we speak of natural desires (we don't say "absolute desires")

For example, I agree with you that there is no reason whatsoever to confuse "natural measure of wealth" with "austerity" or "minimalism." Where I disagree with you is that it seems to me that 98% of the internet commentary DOES make that mistake, and unless you first and foremost highlight that that is NOT where you are going, then the more times "natural measure of wealth" gets discussed WITHOUT that clarification, then it just digs a deeper and deeper hole.