

The Neglect of Metrodorus' Economics

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If Metrodorus thought there was such a thing as a "natural measure of wealth", I would say he was wrong. That's a silly idea, and it will get people obsessed with trying to assess and maximize some abstract quality called "natural", lol, instead of maximizing pleasure.

Culture itself is entirely natural. The alternative is supernatural, and there's no such thing. Some of culture is not *_innate_*, meaning an infant could be raised in different cultures and absorb them, within a range of biology. But I wouldn't get caught up in trying to find the amount of wealth I "innately" need. That can lead to a futile effort trying to unravel nature and nurture, and humans always develop some sort of culture. There's no single culture we are born to fit.

Dropping those overly complicated ideas, I would tell Metrodorus to stick to maximizing pleasure and leave off distractions. Unless he enjoyed all that, lol.