

# The Neglect of Metrodorus' Economics

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Pending further detail from clear texts of Metrodorus and/or Philodemus that says otherwise, my position is that what Elayne is stating IS the "natural measure of weath" and her reaction to the term is more evidence that people think that it implies an absolute.

If that term is really present in a well-preserved text (and it sounds like it does) then I am sure I am going to expect that it's meaning is what we are saying -- that there IS no "absolute" rule for measuring wealth that is different from measuring anything else -- the rules is going to be "choose the measure that maximizes pleasure" whatever that may e under the circumstances.

Sometimes you are going to tune your wealth lower, sometimes you are going to tune your wealth higher, but always with the result (the "natural measure") being that amount which maximizes pleasure.

But that's just the same as with wine, food, sex, friends, etc-- no difference in principle.