

The Neglect of Metrodorus' Economics

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[Quote from Elayne](#)

several parents will say "we want to use something natural." Well, you know, arsenic is natural.

I had to quote so I could say "LOL" -- excellent illustration, and I do agree with Elayne's point that people today infer from the word "natural" some very strange things -- and that is the problem with referring to "natural measure of wealth" without explanation. In due respect and deference to Metrodorus and Philodemus, I think it highly likely that if we had more complete texts to show the full context, I would expect that they either (1) placed the term in clear context, or (2) were clearly speaking to Epicureans who were expected to know the context, or probably (3) both one and two.