

The Neglect of Metrodorus' Economics

Post by "Hiram" of February 16, 2020 at 10:53 AM

[Quote from Elayne](#)

If he meant this as anything other than "pleasurable measure", he was wrong. IF, Hiram. IF. I do not think he meant it the way you are running with it.

I do not think he was talking about some kind of Buddhist-like happy medium of wealth either. In many settings, extremes are unpleasant, but it is not because they are extreme that we avoid them, merely because they are unpleasant.

I don't think you are deliberately leading readers away from pleasure. I just don't think you understand the big picture.

I'm not "running with it" in any direction, Elayne. I'm reading what it says. This is one of the central points of the scroll Peri Oikonomias, and it's an Epicurean doctrine, a fact to which all the scholars who have worked with this text will attest to. You seem to agree with me, but you seem to attribute to me the view that these extremes are bad because of reasons other than they are unpleasant. Please cite where I have said that. I haven't.

Again, this is from Column 12 of Peri Oikonomias (Philodemus' On property management)