

The Neglect of Metrodorus' Economics

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I think the real problem lies in our use of the word "wealth" as opposed to how Epicurus used it.

The conventional meaning of wealth is significant amount of resources while Epicurus seems to have used the word figuratively by saying that poverty is wealth.

If we define wealth literally, not figuratively, we will lose sight of the simplest message here by Epicurus.

As far as I understood, Epicurus seems to be telling us that the equivalent value of pleasure that we can find in a significant amount of material resources can also be found in poverty.

If that is the case, it is vain and unnecessary to desire a significant amount of material resources more than what poverty can equally offer.

This is why he said that wealth, if not limited, is great poverty.