

The Neglect of Metrodorus' Economics

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[Quote from Mike Anyayahan](#)

Definitely, it is not how much money that counts but how prudent a person is in recognizing how much is enough for him.

I think it is pretty clear that that is the case and I would think that most people familiar with Epicurus would agree with that if they think about it long enough.

It's almost a separate subject that takes us back to "virtue" and all the other issues of relative v absolute, but there's a STRONG tendency among people to want to take analysis that is essentially contextual (based on feeling) and want to make out of that analysis a "rules based" bright line that they think that they can apply to everyone.

It would seem to me almost beyond dispute that THAT problem - ***the tendency to want to idealize and rationalize into a universal rule*** - had to be the explicit reason why it was necessary to state what is stated in VS 63.

I think it would be highly productive to think about ways to dramatize and try to inoculate against that problem, and maybe taking familiar examples of the wrong position "The Bare Necessities" song, would be a good way to do that. [Does Baloo Speak for Epicurus In the Song "Bare Necessities" from "The Jungle Book" Movie?](#)

Mike are you familiar with that song / movie? It would be interesting for me to know who much an American song/movie like that has permeated world culture. Of course that movie is now 40+ years old so maybe it has faded from view or withdrawn from circulation for whatever reason.