

Hermarchus - Main Biography

Post by "Cassius" of November 20, 2023 at 3:01 PM

Hermarchus - Scholarch (1st): (c. 325 - 250 BCE) Scholarch from 270 to 250 BCE. "Also Hermarchus, Epicurus' successor, son of Agemortus, of Mytilene, the son of a poor father, and at first a student of rhetoric. His best books are said to be these twenty-two essays in the form of letters On Empedocles. On Science. Against Plato. Against Aristotle. He was a good man and died of paralysis." [Diogenes Laertius 25]

Post by "Matteng" of June 26, 2024 at 3:58 AM

Hi,

I came to read an article about Hermarchus where it is mentioned that he tried to integrate the Stoic oikeiosis theory.

Here is the link it is without costs when logged/registered in "Academia" :

[Hermarchus](#)

I find it very interesting because

1. Maybe it would strengthen Epicurean ethics (justice, friendship, kindness, compassion, altruism, other regarding feelings). Very often it is highlighted how selfish/egoistic Epicurean ethics would be (especially from enemies of Epicurean Ph.)

2. He lives in the time of early Stoicism so maybe there are good defenses / disputes with / against the Stoic ethical theory what is often considered more altruistic and more compassionate.

Do we have texts/ resources from him which are easily accessible?

Post by “Don” of June 26, 2024 at 5:52 AM

It's in German but there's this:

[Der Epikureer Hermarchos \[microform\] : Krohn, Karl, 1895- : Free Download, Borrow, and Streaming : Internet Archive](#)

Greek texts with commentary in German and notes in Latin
archive.org

Post by “Matteng” of June 26, 2024 at 6:04 AM

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Post by “Don” of June 26, 2024 at 8:11 AM

[Quote from Matteng](#)

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That's good. If you find anything particularly interesting as you read it, please share.