

Strodach (George) - "The Philosophy of Epicurus" and "The Art of Happiness"

Post by "Cassius" of May 2, 2019 at 4:30 PM

These two books are combined in one thread because "The Art of Happiness" is substantially a re-issue of the older "Philosophy of Epicurus" which was issued by Northwestern University Press in 1963.

Post by "Cassius" of September 11, 2019 at 10:47 AM

Caution to readers of this book as to Strodach's personal attitude toward Epicurus:

George Strodach: "Though based on the pleasure-pain principle, it [the life of the sectarian Epicurean] was not what we would ordinarily call a pleasant life. In Nietzsche's terms, it did not say YEA to life but NAY. It was largely negative, escapist, self-protective, and therapeutic. By withdrawing from the active concerns and responsibilities of the citizen, it remained socially and politically immature. These are the traits summed up by Gilbert Murray in his brilliant phrase "the failure of nerve.'" Introduction to "The Philosophy of Epicurus" / "The Art of Happiness."