Plutarch as a Source for Epicurean Philosophy
Another Aspect of his Nachleben
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Abstract
In this contribution I try to answer the question to what extent Plutarch is still important for us today as a source for Epicurus’ socio-political thinking. On the basis of a reasoned classification of all the relevant passages, I examine the strategies which Plutarch uses in the selection and presentation of the subject matter and in his verbatim quotations from Epicurus' texts.

Non omnis moriar
Horace, carm. 3,30,6

1. Plutarch never died. No doubt his body has long been decomposed and rendered to Demeter, and perhaps his soul meanwhile faded away on the moon (cf., at least, De facie 943Asqq.). But even after so many centuries, his mind is still as brilliant as the sun. This appears not only from his own works, but also from the immense influence they exerted on later authors. It is well known indeed that Plutarch’s works, long before they have been collected and introduced into one corpus have been used again and again by later generations. Already in Antiquity, authors such as Aulus Gellius,

