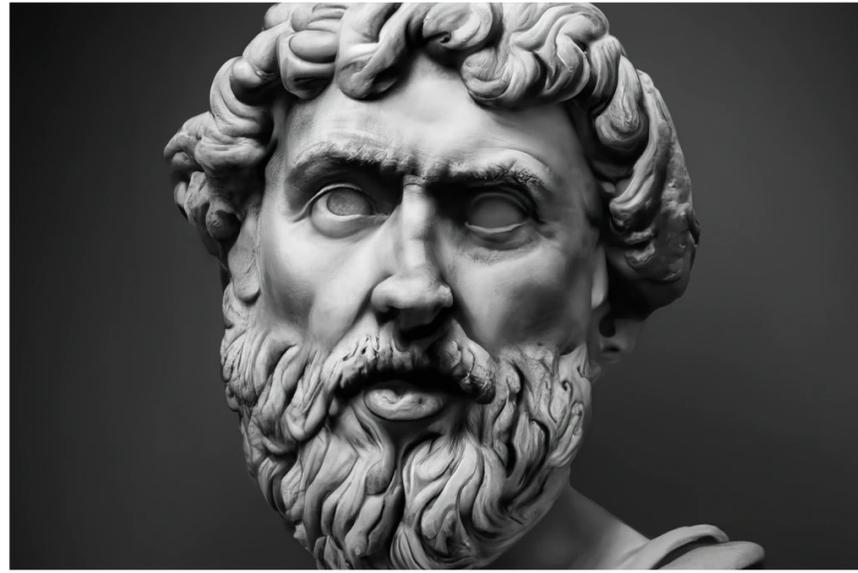


WOLF OR BEE?
Musonius Rufus (30-101 C.E.)
Teacher of Epictetus



“If you say that each one should look out for his own interests alone, you represent humanity as no different from a wolf or any other of the wildest beasts ...

If you will agree that human nature most closely resembles the bee, which cannot live alone ..., but bends its energies to the one common task of his fellows and toils and works together with his neighbors; if this is so, and in addition you recognize that for human beings evil consists in injustice and cruelty and indifference to a neighbor’s trouble, while virtue is brotherly love and goodness and justice and beneficence and concern for the welfare of one’s neighbor—with such ideas, I say, it would be each person’s duty to take thought for their own city [and home].”

“Is Marriage a Handicap for Philosophy?”