

Toward A Better Understanding of Epicurean Justice And Injustice (With Examples of "Just" and "Unjust")

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To jumpstart this discussion again, I had the following thoughts on my way to work today:

Pain and pleasure, the senses, and the prolepses are the criteria for making personal decisions on what is choice-worthy and what is not.

Justice is not concerned with the personal but the community. Civilization/society/community is not a person or being. Therefore, "it" does not have access to the Canon.

Therefore, pleasure and pain on a personal level doesn't enter into the criteria of what is just or righteous.

The criteria for justice is "not being harmed or not causing harm" which if we wanted a metaphorical civilized Canon *could* equate to "pleasure" (not being harmed) and "pain" (not causing harm) with the understanding that this is only a metaphor.

Therefore, the personal pleasure or pain that the individual experiences has no bearing on whether an action is just or not.

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