

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

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Mea culpa on the Atticus 😊

I agree generally with your post; however, I think Epicurus's "don't harm; don't be harmed" is a "general rule" BUT only meaningful in context. It's not an absolute or Platonic ideal but it is a criteria against which to decide "just" actions for society... just like the Canon is a criteria against which to decide actions for the individual. As he says injustice is not bad itself but its effects are what are used to decide. Breaking society's agreement - at its most basic "don't harm; don't be harmed" - upsets the individual's ability to live pleasurably and upsets the community's ability to provide for an environment conducive to living pleasurably.