

Is There A Relationship Between "Anticipations" and "Instinct"?

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Bailey's reference to the words and labels issue is probably useful as a dividing line or place to focus attention. If I remember some of Ellis comments correctly, some of the modern Greek Epicureans take the position that the assignment of a word or label is itself somehow prerational and is what Epicurus meant by the "present impressions of the mind" which Laertius says some later Epicureans considered to be a fourth leg of the canon.

I have never been persuaded that this direction (meaning considering "present impressions of the mind" to be a fourth leg of the canon) is useful but the sections referenced in Laertius and Herodotus probably do deserve to be correlated with any full review of these issues.