

## PD24 - Alternate Translations

Post by "Don" of September 8, 2021 at 7:19 AM

### [Quote from Cassius](#)

No one has responded yet to my question in this post.: [RE: PD14 - Alternate Translations](#)

Anyone? I Want to check my thinking in this issue.

I'll take the bait.

"All killing is wrong" is an opinion about justice. You say that you are "convinced" by " my faculties and life-long experiences." How are you convinced? What convinced you? You use words like convinced and persuaded.

If an animal is trying to eat you, is it wrong to kill it to survive yourself or do you resign yourself to your fate?

Is it okay to kill a virus? Bacteria? Cancer cells are alive. Do you kill them. What scale does your opinion hold? Is it okay to kill a virus but not a multicellular being? Can you kill plants to eat? Or did it just apply to humans? It's okay to kill non-human animals? How non-human?

You can hold this opinion if you want, but it's not Epicurean. Sounds Pythagorean or Jain even. Epicurus talked about the contextual nature of living our lives and that Not killing principle sounds like a Platonic universal you want to apply to all time, all places, all situations.