

# Hypotheticals: Would An Epicurean Hook Himself Up To An "Experience Machine" or a "Pleasure Machine"?

**Post by "Cassius" of January 8, 2022 at 1:27 PM**

I am sorry but I am too running around to be sure where to post on the latest comments on the pleasure machine issue. I'll try here:

My observation is that the big disagreement between everyone is deeper than the issue as stated. Some people are not willing to play the hypothetical game at all, so they reject the proposal because they refuse to accept the hypothetical. I think I saw SimonC make essentially that point, and I think Matt is echoing it in the post just above.

Failing agreement on whether we should accept the facts of the hypothetical, we can't fairly proceed to the ultimate question being asked.

And that's where it seems the discussion is at an impasse.

This *\*might\** be related to Epicurus' refusal to accept the question of whether Metrodorus would be alive or dead tomorrow. He seemed in that case to be rejecting the facts of the hypothetical.

However would Epicurus reject ALL discussion by hypothetical? I doubt it.