

Article by Voorhoeve: Epicurus on Pleasure, A Complete Life, and Death: A Defense

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If successful, my argument will refute the common charge that a central Epicurean argument is invalid. Of course, a further question is whether we should accept the view of the good life on which the valid Epicurean argument relies. While I shall not offer a full assessment of this view, I shall argue that the Epicurean good life is more appealing than critics have allowed. For it involves not only freedom from the fear of death, but also deep enjoyment, significant achievements of ethical and theoretical reasoning, as well as a high degree of control over one’s life. Moreover, it is compatible with genuine concern for others—in particular, for fellow Epicureans.
