

AFDIA - Chapter Four - Text and Discussion

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Also in this session, there is a discussion prompted by Scott about whether Epicurus' ultimate goal was really pleasure, or finding the truth about reality, and how those play together. I think that's an important topic but the discussion may not bring out this point well enough: that I think Epicurus decided that the two go hand in hand, because what is truly the most effective way of living pleasurably is to understand and engage with reality, rather than to indulge in fantasies (which is perhaps the main issue with the pleasure machine hypotheticals - they are not consistent with reality).