

"most useless observation ever made by an ancient Greek philosopher"

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If he only realized that he ends with a uniquely Epicurean observation:

"[Y]ou should [not] try to meditate yourself into a mystical state of total presence or concentration, but just that to recognise the fact that the past is past, and that soon you won't have any future left - so you really might as well be here. It's not so bad. Often enough, it's wonderful. And in any case, there's nowhere else to be."

"[Death is nothing to us](#)" is not just a temporal categorization of "before" versus "after", but, more important, it is a proposition that we are mortal, that life is finite, that time is precious, and pleasure is prudent.

Besides, Aristotle suggesting that men have more teeth than women is really the most useless pseudo-observation.