

Pleasures of the soul, Values, Meaningful Life

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Thank you for your responses.

It's a pleasure to find a active forum like this 😊

I think this point of values in Epicurean philosophy should be emphasized.

Because the prejudice in stoic communities goes like this:

Stoic: Hero who embraces every problem / challenge.

Epicurean: avoiding pain like a weak coward.

In reality the Epicurean decides what engagement is worth it and takes the emotions as short/fast information and the stoics often devalue and detach from things that they have no impact on them.

Yes when I value nothing in life, then I have no fear/grief to lose something and desire nothing, but then I've already lost everything and am like a dead machine.

I know that this could even be an prejudice against the stoic philosophy because with "indifferent" they mean moral indifference but it's a probability/tendency for devaluation.

See Epictetus doctrine of "no grief for a lost son".

But ok this doctrine was a summary from one of his pupil and has maybe another meaning like (giving back to fate/nature).

Or like in Christianity when someone was lost, he/she is in "heaven" or a "better place". But that would imply other things (why then not going direct to the "better place".)