

Does Happiness Require a Non-Epicurean Decision Procedure?

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Also I wish to address your worship of virtue separately. You will find this quote in “A Few Days in Athens”:

“Of all the thousands who have yielded homage to virtue, hardly one has thought of inspecting the pedestal she stands upon.”

This pedestal is pleasure.

How you deal with anger and other emotions determines if you are really Epicurean or Stoic or something else. To us, anger can be virtuous if channeled and made productive in such a way that it leads to a long-term pleasant life. Anger can be (un)natural, it can also be (ir)rational. So virtues, to us, are circumstantial. All our choices and avoidances require context to be carried out successfully and lead to pleasure.

<http://societyofepicurus.com/reasonings-on-philodemus-on-anger/>