

Do Pigs Value Katastematic Pleasure? (Summer 2022 K / K Discussion)

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By the way, if this line of reasoning is correct, then the categories of katastematic and kinetic pleasures is irrelevant to a "modern" Epicurean because the Ancient Greek categories are built on a concept of the movement (or not) of "atoms" of the "soul/mind/psykhē" and that's *not* how our bodies and minds work.

Don't misunderstand. It could be interesting in an historical sense in understanding the controversies and rivalries between schools. And it appears to have been vitally important to the ancients.

But in applying the classical precepts to modern lives when we understand neurons and dopamine and so on, it's irrelevant. Epicurus would then have taught that ALL pleasure is pleasurable: in the moment, in anticipation, in remembrance. All of it. I do think he taught that freedom from pain and trouble in the body and mind was vitally important, but there's no injunction to ONLY experience that.