

# 2022 Epicurus vs Buddhism Compare and Contrast Thread

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Thanks @Nate I agree, while Epicurus clearly states reliance on the senses as the only way we can know the world, Advaita classifies the world as ‘maya’ or illusion (as in what we sense is only illusory and not real in the ultimate sense). The neo-Advaita tradition (esp. Tony Parsons et al) take this to ridiculous lengths asserting that there is only ‘nothing and everything’. As such this philosophy doesn’t seem to offer anything at all of any value, yet curiously many people seem to flock to it...To paraphrase a famous philosopher there is no use of philosophy unless it makes a tangible difference to our lives.

On the point of Mahayana Buddhism, or Buddhism in general is that the ethical doctrines seem more compatible with Stoicism the emphasis being on virtue or accumulation merit, though of course this is more pronounced in Mahayana given the whole Bodhisattva ideal.