

Short Video on Nietzsche vs Plato On "True World Theory" Which May or May Not Reflect Epicurus' Views

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I read both the transcript (which is linked above the video) and also watched the video. I find that the pictures are interesting but also distracting for absorption all of the ideas presented, so recommend reading the above linked transcript.

First of all, I feel like I do not understand Plato very well. And found this:

PLATO

The Divided Line

Physical World of Senses

Invisible World of Reason

Becoming:
Opinion

Being:
Intellect

conjecture
(shadows)

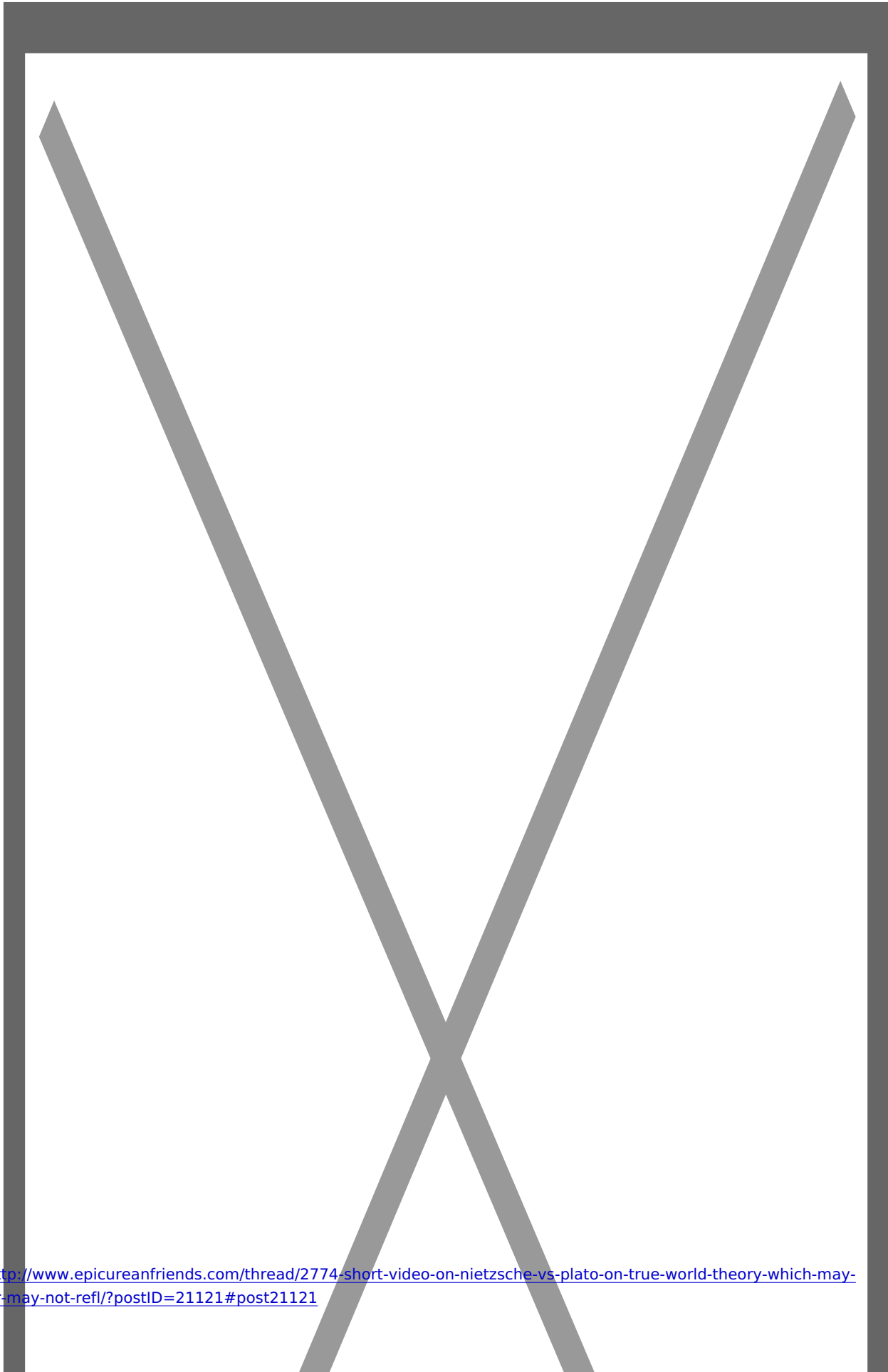
belief
(physical objects)

understanding
(mathematics)

knowledge/science
(ideal forms)



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So further questions regarding Plato's ideal forms -- is there something in the human brain or the human psyche which "processes" information in such a way as to bring about abstractions and the longing for a "true world" ("true world" is Nietzsche's idea and which I think should really be called a "future perfect world")?

What causes humans to distrust the "messiness" of sensations and opinions, and the impermanent nature of experience, and instead want to create a static, nailed-down understanding of permanent objects -- is this a kind of grasping for safety or a longing for the "garden of eden" before the complexities of civilization?

And perhaps, in our own search for the "Epicurean Garden" are we seeking some ideal, perfect peace and safety?