

Welcome Goblin

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I agree with Martin's points there - I came back on the test as mostly Aristotle, likely because I don't agree that the questions that were pretty clearly intended to imply an Epicurean viewpoint were a correct reflection of Epicurus.

Seems to me I always come back to this question as my test of Epicurus? If you really believe that there is no life after death and for an eternity thereafter you will not exist in any way, then are you really going to spend the short time you have focused primarily on running from pain?

That ascetic assertion doesn't pass a smell test of logical consistency, and I personally will never believe they Epicurus taught such nonsense - especially since there is no need to read the surviving material that way at all.

To each his own in terms of the type of pleasure that he finds satisfying, but to set as your goal anything but pleasurable living makes no sense when the only faculty nature gives you for choosing is the feeling of pleasure.