

# "Filling The Gas Tank of Life"

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I am fresh out of sublime poetic imagery, so today's offering is "Filling the Gas Tank of Life."

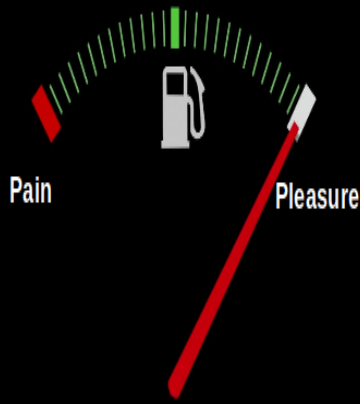
## Epicurus Shows Us How To Fill The Gas Tank of Life:

When You Fill Your Car's Tank With Gas, Do You Expect It To Contain Anything But Gas?



*Full of Gas, emptied of air and of anything which is not gas.*

Why Then, When You Fill Your Life With Pleasure, Would You Expect Your Life to Contain Anything But Pleasure?



*Full of Pleasure, emptied of pain and of anything that is not pleasurable.*



He perceived the vessel itself (the mind) was the cause of the calamity, and by the corruption of that, every thing, though ever so good, that was poured into it was tainted: it was full of holes, and run out, and so could never by any means be filled; and whatever it received within, it infected with a stinking smell.

And therefore he purged the mind by true philosophy, and set bounds to our desires and our fears. He laid open to us the chief good, that point of happiness we all aim at, in what it consists, and showed us the direct way that leads to it, and puts us into the straight road to obtain it. He taught what misfortunes commonly attend human life, whether they flow from the laws of nature or from chance, whether from necessity or by accident; and by what means we are to oppose those evils, and strive against them. And he has fully proved that men torment themselves in vain, and are tossed about in a tempestuous ocean of cares to no purpose.

- Lucretius Book 6

## And With What We Should Fill It: "Pleasure"