

The Absurdity of Absurdism (?)

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Admin Note:

This post has been copied and moved from the Welcome Thread of Unpaid_Landlord, whose personal introduction stated:

"...have explored many philosophies starting from advaita vedanta /Non-dualism (Hinduism), then Buddhism and zen Buddhism, then taoism (china) then to western philosophy, from stocism to now finally Epicureanism and Absurdism.

It has been quite a fascinating journey but I feel like settling down with Epicureanism and Absurdism for now at least

Skepticism is on the list to explore for the future

My current philosophical inclinations :-

Epicureanism and Absurdism"

Welcome, Unpaid_Landlord! You'll find you're in very good company. I'll be curious at some point to find out what you take Absurdism to be and why it intrigues you because I've been thinking about it some in the Epicurean context. As I understand it, some people (generally critics) take Absurdism to result directly from an Epicurean-style purposeless universe. The line of reasoning seems to be that once we're not here *for a reason* and *with a purpose*, we have to manufacture all the meaning out of thin air. And all the effort to manufacture meaning, at least when you take a moment to reflect on it, can feel like an absurd sort of charade, an elaborate game of pretend called 'Meaning.' Is that in the ballpark of your conception? Because I suspect Epicurus is truly concerned to find a response to that particular absurdist worry.

Again, welcome!