

# The Role of Virtue in Epicurean Philosophy According to the Wall of Oinoanda

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Some are some of my own personal reflections (without external aids) on the above text:

- Happiness and pleasure are the same thing.
- The virtues are the means toward happiness/pleasure.
- Pleasure is the end goal of the best mode of life, not virtue.
- The virtues benefit humans, not animals.
- Nature supplies birds with the ability to fly well, and they don't desert this natural ability.
- Humans need the virtues to bring them back to nature.
- Each virtue points toward the understanding of a particular set of desires, and the ability to discern which desires are natural and which are not.